

Finding Funds

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Finding Funding Sources

- ▶ Private Funding

- ▶ Governmental Funding

Private Funding

▶ Trust for Public Lands

http://www.tpl.org/ext_ask_for_help.cfm

▶ Other Private Sources

- Local Sponsors (Businesses, Construction Firms, Civic Groups)
- Fundraising
- Volunteer labor

Governmental Funding

- ▶ Recreational Trails Grant

<http://www.gold.ky.gov/grants/rtp.htm>

- ▶ Grant Application Period is currently open now until April 30.

Recreational Trails Grant (RTP)

Eligible Activities

- ▶ Construction of new trails on state, county, municipal or private lands
- ▶ Development of trailside and trailhead facilities
- ▶ Maintenance of existing trails
- ▶ Restoration of areas damaged by use of recreational trails
- ▶ Urban trail linkages near homes and workplaces
- ▶ Making trails accessible to the handicapped
- ▶ Acquisition of easements for trails or trail corridors identified in state trails plan
- ▶ Acquisition of fee simple titles to properties from willing sellers when the objective cannot be accomplished by acquisition of easements or other means.
- ▶ Planning costs up to 5% of an RTP application

Recreational Trails Grant (RTP)

Ineligible Activities

- ▶ Condemnation of any kind of interest in property.
- ▶ Construction of motorized trails of National Forest System lands that have been allocated for uses other than wilderness.
- ▶ Facilitating motorized use or access to trails predominately used previously for non-motorized purposes.
- ▶ Construction of sidewalks UNLESS the sidewalks are linking trails.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- ▶ www.gold.ky.gov/grants/lwcf
- ▶ Grant application period opens May 1 and ends July 1.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

► Eligible Activities

- Acquisition
- Development
- Combination of Acquisition and Development

TEA-21

- ▶ Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
 - www.tea21.ky.gov
- ▶ 2006 Application Period is closed; next call for applications will begin in December 2006.

TEA-21 Eligible Activities

▶ Rail Corridor Preservation

- Acquisition of railroad right-of-way
- Planning, rehabilitation, and development of railways corridors.
- Ancillary facilities such as landscaping, lighting, restrooms, water fountains, and signage

Matching Requirements

- ▶ Recreational Trails Program:
 - 50%
- ▶ Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - 50%
- ▶ TEA-21
 - 20%

Feeling A Case of Sticker Shock?

Some Ways to Meet Matching Requirements

▶ Force Account Expenditures

- Labor
- Equipment Use
- Materials

▶ In-kind Match

- Services
- Volunteer Labor

Some Tips for Preparing An Application

- ▶ Assess your needs and goals before you search for funds.
- ▶ Have a plan in place with realistic scope of work and cost estimates.
- ▶ Answer ALL the questions.
- ▶ Provide all required attachment materials.
- ▶ Make sure all of your forms are signed!
- ▶ Follow the submission guidelines closely.

Some Tips for Preparing An Application

- ▶ Document all in-kind match.
- ▶ Know the key trends.
- ▶ Document local support.
- ▶ Get your state and federal representatives to support your application.
- ▶ Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Remember

- ▶ Recreational Trails Program application period now open. Ends April 30.
- ▶ Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application period begins May 1.
- ▶ TEA-21 Grants call for applications will occur in December 2006.

Thank you!

Questions?

