

Recreation Trails Grant

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KEY FACTS

◆ Agency:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

◆ Award Information:

Deadline: February 1, 2019

◆ Award Date Range:

Quarterly throughout year

◆ Application:

<https://bit.ly/1M7aaXg>

◆ Current Program Funds:

Total Funds Per Cycle:
Non-motorized: \$2.8 mil
Motorized: \$1.1 million

Max Funds Per Applicant:
Non-motorized: \$200,000
Motorized: \$400,000

Min Funds Per Applicant:
Non-motorized: \$4,000

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PURPOSE

The Texas Trails Advisory Board and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff evaluates projects in terms of their overall quality, ability to serve recreational needs, cost-effectiveness, benefits, community support, innovation, geographic scope and distribution, and accommodation of barrier-free access. The highest ranked projects are typically those that make the best use of funds for trail construction and closely associated amenities, like signage and trailheads.

Funding provided by this program is on a cost reimbursement basis. Projects sponsors must have cash on hand for all grant purchases and must initiate their approved projects with their own funds and be reimbursed up to 80 percent of allowable costs after submitting documentation of expenses.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants include: Cities, counties, state agencies (including TPWD state parks and wildlife management areas); other governmental bodies created under state law such as river authorities, water districts, municipal utility districts, or public school districts; federal land managers; not-for-profit organizations.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

1. Construction of new recreational trails on public (federal, state, county, municipal, district, etc.) or private lands.

2. Trail restoration, rehabilitation or resurfacing, including rerouting or repair of areas damaged by trail use, flooding, or erosion; rehabilitation of trail tread; rehabilitation of trail facilities that have deteriorated over time; or trail accessibility upgrades.

3. Development of trail-side and trail-head facilities.

4. Provision of features which facilitate access and use of trails by persons with disabilities.

5. Acquisition of easements or leases for trails or trail corridors.

6. Acquisition of property by fee simple title when acquisition cannot be accomplished by easement.

7. Educational signing to interpret natural and/or cultural resources or for proper trail etiquette.

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