

## Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission

April 24, 2024

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Agenda Item:	<b>6b</b>	<b>Action</b>
Public Comment Allowed:	<b>Yes</b>	
Topic:	<b>Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant Recommendations</b>	
Presented by:	<b>Michele Scalise, Manager, Grants and Community Programs</b>	

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### **Background:**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal aid assistance program administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Funds are appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund and represent fuel tax attributed to non-highway recreational use. Funds pass through ODOT and are administered by OPRD.

RTP supports projects that develop and enhance public recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized uses. Federal law requires that 30% of RTP funds are used for motorized trail projects, 30% for non-motorized projects, and 40% for diverse use projects. Projects can meet more than one category. OPRD sets aside 30% of funds for motorized projects and the remaining 70% for non-motorized projects. The diverse use requirement is met through these categories.

Eligible applicants to the program are cities, counties, park and recreation districts, state agencies, federal agencies, tribal governments, and non-profits. Applicants must provide a match contribution of at least 20%.

The RTP Grant Advisory Committee met February 28-29, 2024, for their annual review of grant requests. Applicants requesting \$50,000 or more were required to give a presentation. The Committee scored project applications based on established criteria including needs identified in the 2016-2025 Statewide Recreation Trails Plan. Twenty-two grant requests were submitted to OPRD, requesting a total of \$2,223,349 in funding assistance. Fifteen of these projects were recommended to receive grants with the \$1,910,803 of available funding.

Final grant amounts may change and as funding becomes available, may be offered to projects below the funding thresholds. Upon approval from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission, projects will be submitted to FHWA for their approval and authorization of funds.

**Prior Action by Commission:** Prior annual RTP grant approvals

**Action Requested:** Staff requests that the Commission approve the ranking and distribution of RTP grants as recommended by the RTP Grant Advisory Committee.

**Attachments: 6b Attachment A) RTP Motorized Funding Recommendations**  
**6b Attachment B) RTP Non-Motorized Funding Recommendations**  
**6b Attachment C) Map of Recommended Projects**

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**Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant Approval**  
**Motorized Grant Requests**  
 \$609,707 Available

Ranking	Project Name	Applicant	County	Brief Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested
1	Statewide Heavy Trail Restoration*	Oregon State Snowmobile Association	Mutiple (17 counties)	Heavy restoration of snowmobile trails across the State which have become severely restricted by vegetative regrowth. Work will include removal of encroaching trees and branches by mechanical treatment and by hand brushing.	\$ 240,733	\$ 192,587
2	Blue Mountain Sno-Park Improvements*	Oregon State Snowmobile Association	Grant	We propose to pave the Blue Mountain Sno-Park lot. Paving this gravel lot would allow Oregon Department of Transportation to plow the lot as they do for other Sno-Parks.	\$ 199,500	\$ 159,600
<b>Total of Motorized Projects Recommended for Funding</b>					<b>\$ 440,233</b>	<b>\$ 352,187</b>

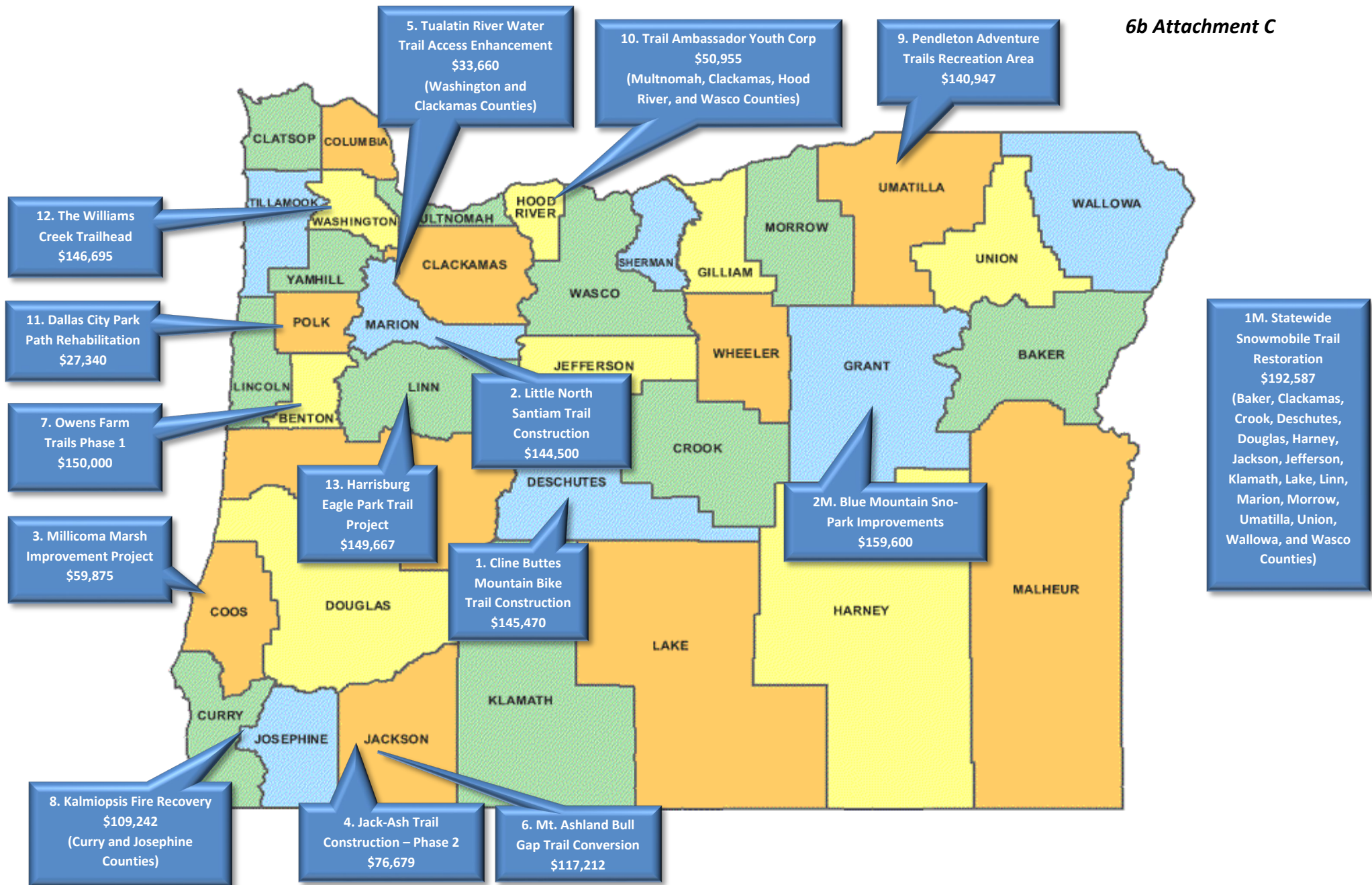
A balance of \$257,520 will carry over to the motorized funding category in the 2024 grant cycle.

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**Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Project Ranking**  
**Non-Motorized Grant Requests**  
 \$1,301,096 Available

Ranking	Project Name	Applicant	County	Brief Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested
1	Cline Buttes Mountain Bike Trail Construction*	Central Oregon Trail Alliance (COTA)	Deschutes	This is phase one of a multi-phase project to expand the Cline Butte and Cascade View mountain bike trail systems by building new trail, rerouting existing trails, building a trailhead, and adding signage.	\$ 183,050	\$ 145,470
2	Little North Santiam Trail Reconstruction	National Forest Foundation	Marion	Post-fire reconstruction of the Little North Santiam Trail on the Detroit Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. To include construction of 3 bridges, 1 staircase, puncheon, and retaining walls.	\$ 290,100	\$ 144,500
3	Millicoma Marsh Improvement Project 2.0*	Coos Bay School District 9	Coos	Restore 0.47 miles of accessible trail and purchase maintenance tools.	\$ 74,877	\$ 59,875
4	Jack-Ash Trail Construction - Phase II Completion*	Siskiyou Upland Trails Association	Jackson	Construct approximately 5 miles of new non-motorized trails for Phase II of the Jack-Ash Trail project in Jackson County, OR. Install interpretive sign, waypoint and trailhead signage.	\$ 95,849	\$ 76,679
5	Tualatin River Water Trail Access Enhancement	Tualatin Riverkeepers	Clackamas, Washington	Access & trail signage & maps, printed maps & guidebooks, Water Trail webpage with interactive elements, loaner PFD (personal flotation device) kiosks, and a watercraft storage and rental shelter.	\$ 61,660	\$ 33,660
6	Mt Ashland Bull Gap Trail Conversion*	Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association	Jackson	The Bull Gap Road to Trail Conversion would convert one mile of degraded Forest Service road into two separate trails - a dual direction multi-use trail and a descending intermediate mountain bike only flow trail.	\$ 149,909	\$ 117,212
7	Owens Farm Trails Phase I	City of Corvallis	Benton	Project will enable public access at Owens Farm Natural Area, resulting in 1.9 miles of universal access, non-motorized trails with associated interpretive and wayfinding signage.	\$ 400,000	\$ 150,000
8	Kalmiopsis Fire Recovery*	Siskiyou Mountain Club	Curry, Josephine	Restore approximately 32 miles of trails that have been impacted by wildfire and currently constitute gaps in a wider trail network.	\$ 187,106	\$ 109,242

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9	Pendleton Adventure Trails Recreation Area*	City of Pendleton	Umatilla	PATRA is seeking funds to make trailhead improvements and replace existing wooden trail structures with ones professionally designed to preserve natural land drainage, prevent erosion, and ensure user safety	\$ 177,852	\$ 140,947
10	Trail Ambassador Youth Corp	Trailkeepers of Oregon	Multnomah, Clackamas, Hood River, Wasco	This collaboration will create summer jobs for BIPOC youth in environmental interpretation and recreation. Youth will be trained as Trail Ambassadors and work to engage with the public around responsible recreation practices.	\$ 68,939	\$ 50,955
11	Dallas City Park Path Rehabilitation*	City of Dallas	Polk	As part of a multi-year restoration of the historic Dallas Japanese Garden, this project will resurface and widen one path, and replace another, improving access to the garden and making both paths ADA compliant.	\$ 34,175	\$ 27,340
12	The Williams Creek Trailhead*	Salmonberry Trail Foundation	Washington	The Williams Creek Trailhead: a 1-acre hub with parking, amenities, and signage, paving the way for Oregon's Next Big Adventure on the Salmonberry Trail.	\$ 184,018	\$ 146,695
13	Harrisburg Eagle Park Trail Project*	City of Harrisburg	Linn	Construction of 1.84 miles of new, multi-use trails, for a total of 2.2 miles of trail in Eagle Park; including some with ADA access. Project includes 3 trailheads, parking, views of wildlife, ponds & Willamette River. <b>Note: project fell on the funding threshold and will receive partial funding of approximately \$100,000. Grant amount may increase as other budgets are adjusted.</b>	\$ 196,367	\$ 149,667
<b>Total of Non-Motorized Projects Recommended for Funding</b>					<b>\$ 2,103,902</b>	<b>\$ 1,352,242</b>
<b>Funding is not available below this threshold. If additional funding becomes available, the Committee recommends offering funds in order of ranking.</b>						
14	Cathedral Tree Trail Renovation*	City of Astoria	Clatsop	Improvements and restoration of Richard Fencsak Cathedral Tree Trail to improve accessibility, add multi-modal connectivity, and increase the trail's overall utility.	\$ 143,884	\$ 107,000
15	Oak Trail Restoration and New Trail Segment*	City of Medford	Jackson	Restore the 0.4 mile Oak Trail and create an intersecting 764ft trail.	\$ 75,548	\$ 30,219

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16	Sandy Ridge Trail System Skills Area	Northwest Trail Alliance	Clackamas	A mountain bike skills progression area directly within the Sandy Ridge Trails parking lot; consisting of one easy loop and two easy gravity flow lines with optional features.	\$ 61,665	\$ 47,260
17	Wayfinding Signs / Intertwine*	City of Hillsboro	Washington	Installing wayfinding signs along the South Hillsboro Regional Trail, following the Intertwine Guidelines.	\$ 36,000	\$ 28,800
18	Beck-Kiwanis Park Pond Path - Phase 1*	City of Ontario	Malheur	The Project will pave an existing dirt trail adjacent to Becker Pond with access to parking areas and restrooms. Residents will be able to access the pond's natural areas for walking, fishing and bird watching.	\$ 150,000	\$ 120,000
19	Pony Creek Greenway Trail Connector*	City of North Bend	Coos	Design and construct approximately 0.25-mile of multi-use pathway meeting ABA trail standards in Simpson Park to further connection of the Pony Creek Greenway.	\$ 274,358	\$ 150,000
20	Millsite Park Trail Extension Project	City of Myrtle Creek	Douglas	Project will be to construct a .7 mile extension to the Millsite Park walking trail. Trail will be eight to ten feet wide with crushed aggregate surface.	\$ 58,490	\$ 35,640
<b>Total of Non-Motorized Projects Not Recommended for Funding</b>					<b>\$ 799,945</b>	<b>\$ 518,919</b>
<b>Grand Total of Non-Motorized Funding Requests</b>						<b>\$ 1,871,162</b>



6b Attachment C: Projects recommended for funding by the RTP Advisory Committee

(#M = Motorized project)