



JANUARY 2002

ANNUAL TRAILS GRANTS CALENDAR

A supplement to the Vermont Trails & Greenways Winter 2001/2002 Newsletter

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
VT DEPT FORESTS, PARKS & RECREATION (FPR)												
Recreation Trails Grants		Applic's Due	Prelim. Awards	Finalize Awards (Fed. Hwy. Approval)		Once federal approval received, work begins. Two years to complete.				Program Announcement		
Land & Water Conservation Fund			Applic's Due	Sponsors present projects to Ranking Committee	Prelim. Awards	May - July: Finalize Awards (NPS approval) Once federal approval received, work begins. Two years to complete.			Program Announcement			
Urban & Community Forestry		Applic's due	Awards			Work begins and completed (Jun-Jul)						Program announcement
VT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION (VTRANS)												
Bicycle & Pedestrian: Technical Assistance	Program announcement			Applic's due			Awards					
Bicycle & Pedestrian: Construction	No 2002 program											
Transportation Enhancements	Awards					Program announcement			Letter of Intent		Applic's due	
Scenic Byways	Program announcement			Prelim. Applic's due to VTrans		Final applic's due to Fed. Highway						
Public Lands Highways	Program announcement			Preliminary applic's to VTrans		Final applic's to Fed. Highway						Awards
VERMONT YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS (VYCC)												
Greenways Community Crews		Prelim. awards		Awards	Work performed. (May-Sep)				Program announcement			Applic's due
All other project proposals		Applic's due	Awards		Work performed. (May-Sep)				Program announcement			
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)												
Rivers & Trails Conservation Assistance	Technical assistance available year-round								Applic's due	Awards		

IMPORTANT: Funding schedules may change from year to year. It is important that you contact the program administrator.



VT DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION

Vermont Recreation Trails Grants

The Recreation Trails Grant Program provides matching grants for (1) maintenance on existing trails; (2) restoration of areas damaged by use of trails; (3) development of trail-side and trail-head facilities; (4) provision of features which facilitate access to and use of trails by persons with disabilities; (5) construction of new trails on state, municipal or private lands where a recreational need for such construction is shown; (6) preparation of and printing of trail-related maps and other educational information and materials; (7) trail protection including fee simple or easement acquisition; and (8) purchase of hand tools for trail work. The program is administered by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation of the Agency of Natural Resources. The mission of the program is: "To provide trail opportunities to all citizens of Vermont within 15 minutes of their home." Approximately \$350,000 in matching funds were available last year and the Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation anticipates at least as much for the current year. Funds require a minimum 20-percent sponsor match for all projects, except for mini-grants that require no local match. Up to \$3,000 of available funds will be set aside for the mini-grant option. Mini-grants of up to \$500 are available at 100 percent of project costs to local governments, community volunteer groups, educational institutions, civic groups, or approved non-profit organizations with recreation trails in their goals. Mini-grants may provide seed money to perform certain recreation trail activities or to provide training, to develop a trail, or to purchase educational tools or materials. Mini-grants must clearly pose no negative historical or environmental impacts and will ideally include a community

future outdoor recreation development. Applications must be received no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, March 1, 2002, in order to be considered under this round of funding. For more information on this program, contact Sherry Smecker, Grants Administrator for LWCF & Recreation Trails Grants Programs, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, 103 South Main St, Bldg. 10 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0604, or call 802-241-3690, E-mail ssmecker@fpr.anr.state.vt; www.state.vt.us/anr/fpr/recreation/index.htm.

Vermont Watershed Grants

Funded by sales of Vermont's Conservation License Plates, mini-grants of \$200-\$1,000 and larger grants of over \$1,000 are available for a wide range of water-related projects, including developing or enhancing recreational use and enjoyment. Late October deadline. Contact Vermont Watershed Grants at 802-241-3770, VT Agency of Natural Resources, Water Quality Division, Building 10 North, 103 South Main St, Waterbury, VT 05671-0408, Watershed@dec.anr.state.vt.us.



Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program

"Trees for Local Communities" (TLC) are competitive grants for municipalities, community tree boards, local volunteer organizations, educational institutions, civic groups, and approved non-profit organizations. TLC grants provide funds for developing and implementing local urban and community forestry programs. Four grant options are available: community planning and education, tree planting, tree maintenance, and mini grants. Grants from \$500 - \$4000 are available with a match requirement of 50-50. Up to eighty-five thousand dollars was available in 2000. Applications due February. Contact Steve Sinclair, VT FPR, Waterbury, VT 05671-0601, 802-241-3673, ssinclair@fpr.anr.state.vt.us, www.state.vt.us/anr/fpr/forestry/ucf/home/index.htm.



VT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION (VTRANS)



Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

The VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans) works with the states, 11 regional planning commissions and the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization each year to identify bicycle and pedestrian facility projects (multi-use paths, sidewalks, and rail-trails) that can be funded through the Local Transportation Facilities Program. A 10% local match is required. April deadline.

Project Technical Assistance: To encourage the preliminary planning required by the Program, \$250,000 will be available in April 2002 to fund preliminary planning and technical assistance for potential projects. Awards range from \$10,000 - 20,000. Contact Amy Bell, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, or Jon Kaplan, Asst. Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, VTrans, National Life Bldg, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001, 802-828-5799 or 802-828-0059 <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/Sections/LTF/LTF.htm>, Amy.Bell@state.vt.us or Jon.Kaplan@state.vt.us.

Enhancements Program

Funding is available for transportation enhancements including: provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, scenic or historic highway programs, landscaping and other scenic beautification, historic preservation, rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation, buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroads and canals), preservation of abandoned railway corridors and conversion to bicycle trails, control and removal of outdoor advertising, archeological planning and research, mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff, tourist and welcome centers, and transportation museums. September letter of intent, November deadline. Contact Curtis Johnson, VT Agency of Transportation, 802-828-0583; VT AOT, National Life Bldg., Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001), www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/sections/ltf, Curtis.Johnson@state.vt.us.

Public Lands Highways

Funding for projects that are on, adjacent to, or providing access to federal public lands (e.g. Green Mountain National Forest, Army Corps). In Vermont, PLH funding has been used for the West River Trail, protection of scenic properties along highways and visitor improvement at Quechee Gorge. April application deadline. Contact Warren Vail at 802-828-0451; Warren.Vail@state.vt.us; VOAT, National Life Bldg., Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633.

Scenic Byways Program

For projects including acquisition, development and planning along designated scenic byways. May application deadline. Contact Warren Vail at 802-828-0451; Warren.Vail@state.vt.us; VAOT, National Life Bldg., Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633.

VERMONT YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

Since 1985 VYCC, a non-profit organization, has coordinated trail crew work with VT youths in a variety of conservation projects including trail building and wildlife habitat enhancement projects. VYCC leaders provide expertise and oversight for crews. Communities can either hire a trail crew through the Fee-for-Service program or apply for a Greenways Crew funded by AOT and FHWA. December 15 deadline for FHWA/AOT projects, February 1 deadline for all others. Contact Paul Schmidt at 1-800-639-8922 or 802-241-3904 (92 So. Main St., Waterbury, VT 05676), www.vycc.org, vyccpaul@aol.com.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RIVERS & TRAILS PROGRAM



Rivers & Trails helps plan and implement local trail, greenway and river protection projects. The program provides NPS staff assistance to work cooperatively with local trail groups, conservation organizations, and regional and state agencies on greenways, rail-