

Funding For Wisconsin Trails



A catalog of suggested funding sources for trail projects. Sources include grant programs administered by the State of Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources, Transportation and Administration, as well as private programs.



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Introduction

This manual features a variety of funding sources available for trail development and maintenance in Wisconsin and is designed to empower trail advocates to access financial support from state, federal and private sources to develop trails in their communities. Please view this material as only a starting point since trail funding options and their availability change quickly. Creative, alternate-funding sources will help finance your trail project, and steadfast patience will get you through the process. Most trail projects require the combined efforts of both government agencies and private groups. Have fun with your trail project!

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☞ Trail Funding Resources Administered by Wisconsin Governmental Agencies

1. Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

INTRODUCTION. The following grant programs focus on the acquisition of land or rights to land, restoration, or development of land for conservation and public outdoor recreation purposes and can be used to fund trails:

State Programs

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Programs:

- Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)
- Urban Rivers Grants (UR)
- Urban Green Space Grants (UGS)
- Acquisition of Development Rights Grants (ADR)
- State Property Development Grants



Non-Stewardship Programs

- ATV Fund
- Snowmobile Fund

Federal Programs

- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON)
- Recreational Trails Act (RTA)

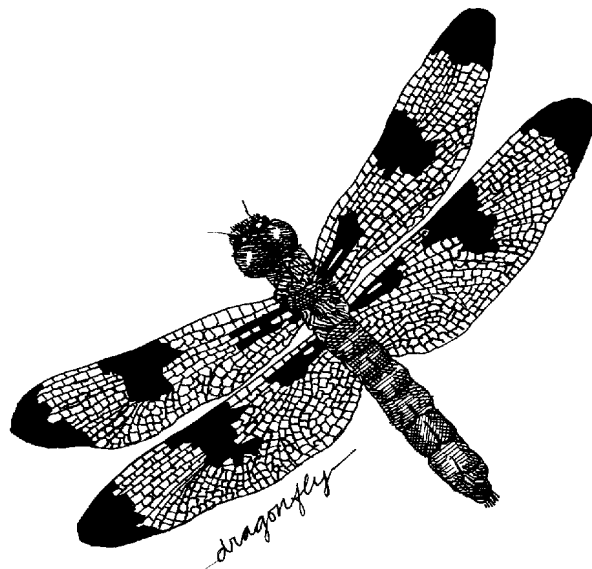
GETTING HELP. There is at least one Community Services Specialist (CSS) in each of the five DNR Regions (see page 12 for a map of DNR Regions) who will walk through the process with you from project conception to issuing the final check. They will explain the requirements of the grant programs administered by the DNR, assist you in planning and evaluating project alternatives, bring in other DNR resource people as needed, and help you complete the application form. They will also determine which of the various grant programs is appropriate for your project. It is recommended that you review the program criteria, explained in the individual program sections, but not spend a great deal of time trying to determine which program is the most appropriate. The CSS will do that for you. Their names are listed on page 11.



Information on the Stewardship Program and other grant programs is available on the DNR Bureau of Community Financial Assistance website at www.dnr.state.wi.us. Scroll down to under “go directly to a bureau” and select “Community Financial Assistance” (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/cfindex.html>). The 2002 Grant Guidelines and Application booklet is available online at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/lr/stewardship/2002stewtoc.pdf>

DNR Grant Process Steps - How does it work?

1. Determine which grant program(s) your project will qualify for.
2. Local sponsors work with DNR regional community services specialists to plan projects and complete grant applications
3. Submit applications by May 1 each year for the Stewardship and Federal programs. Applications for the ATV and Snowmobile programs are due by April 15.
4. DNR regional staff review and rate eligible projects using a set of rating questions that reflect each program's goals and priorities. You'll find the rating questions listed in the application booklets, which can be obtained from your DNR regional community services specialist.
5. The projects within each program are then combined in a statewide listing and prioritized according to rating score. Exception: ADLP (Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks) projects are prioritized by region rather than statewide.
6. Projects ranking the highest are awarded a grant to the extent that funds are available.
7. Local sponsors sign an agreement to accept the grant and assume the responsibility of complying with program requirements and conditions of the grant award. (E.g., contracts & bidding, operation and use, accessibility, income, inspections, etc.)
8. The project sponsor incurs costs for work actually completed and then files a claim for reimbursement. Project payment takes place on a reimbursement basis. Reimbursement is not permitted for work that takes place prior to the grant award date or after the expiration date.



DNR GRANT PROGRAMS:

A. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Programs

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/LR/stewardship/stewardship.html>

Stewardship Program Description

The Stewardship Program is an umbrella program for a number of separate subprograms, each with its own goals, priorities, and criteria related to conservation and expanding outdoor recreation opportunities. The program provides funds through state general obligation bonds. The State of Wisconsin sells bonds to investors to raise the funds, then pays back the debt over subsequent years. A key component of Stewardship is cooperation and partnership between the Wisconsin DNR, local units of government, and nonprofit organizations. Up to \$8 million a year for ten years is allocated for local grant purposes.

Although each program has individual goals, all projects must create or support nature-based outdoor recreational opportunities. “Nature-based outdoor recreation” means activities where the primary focus or purpose is the appreciation or enjoyment of nature. These activities may include, but are not limited to, hiking, bicycling, wildlife or nature observation, camping, nature study, fishing, hunting, picnicking, cross-country skiing, canoeing and multi-use trail activities. Support facilities for these activities may include, but are not limited to, access roads, parking areas, utility and sanitation systems, sanitary and shelter buildings, signs, interpretive items, and other features that enhance nature-based outdoor recreation and/or improve disabled accessibility.

Stewardship Grant Subprogram Descriptions

Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)

To enhance the quality of life for Wisconsin residents and visitors by expanding the opportunities for outdoor recreation in local parks and recreation areas. Acquiring or developing public outdoor recreation areas for nature-based outdoor recreation, including trails and supports facilities development.

Urban Rivers (UR)

To improve the quality of urban waterways and riverfronts through preservation, restoration or enhancement which will encourage economic revitalization and expanded outdoor recreational opportunities that involve enjoyment of the state’s natural resources. Acquiring land or rights in land on or adjacent to rivers that flow through urban areas, in order to preserve or restore urban rivers or riverfronts for the purposes of economic revitalization and encouraging outdoor recreation activities, including trail and support facilities development.

Urban Green Space (UGS)

To enhance the quality of life for Wisconsin urban dwellers by providing open natural space within or in proximity to urban development. Acquiring lands to provide natural space within or near urban areas, protect scenic or ecological features, and to provide land for noncommercial gardening. Developing a trail on lands acquired through this program is usually an activity that is allowed.

Acquisition of Development Rights (ADR)

To acquire development rights for the protection of natural, agricultural, or forestry values that would enhance nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities. A new Stewardship initiative to acquire development rights (easements) for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes, including development rights for where a trail might be located or that might buffer a trail.

State Property Development Grants

To develop nature-based outdoor recreational opportunities on Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources owned land.

Eligible Applicants

Towns, villages, cities, counties or tribal governments are eligible to apply for funds. Qualified nonprofit conservation organizations (NCO's) are also eligible for land acquisition grants through the local assistance grant programs.

Eligible Projects

- Development and rehabilitation of trails and trail linkages
- Construction of trailside and trailhead facilities
- Acquisition of easement or property for trails
- **Maintenance is not an eligible expense in the Stewardship Program**

Levels of Assistance

Eligible sponsors may receive a grant for up to 50% of the total project costs. The project sponsor's match can consist of cash payments, donations of labor, materials, services and land for projects. These donations must be consistent with program rules and be identified at the time of application.

Funding Cycle

Applications are due to the DNR Regional Offices by May 1 of each year.

Contacts

If you have questions about the stewardship grant programs, your application, or your project, Contact your regional Community Services Specialist (see page 11 for contact information). If you have general questions about program history, development or fund status, contact:

- Local Government Grant Program Manager, [Leslie Gauberti](mailto:Leslie.Gauberti@dnr.state.wi.us) - Gaubel@dnr.state.wi.us; 608-267-0497
- Nonprofit Conservation Organization Grant Manager, [Janet Beach Hanson](mailto:Janet.Beach.Hanson@dnr.state.wi.us) - Hansoj@dnr.state.wi.us; 608-266-0868

**STEWARDSHIP GRANT
SUBPROGRAM NAME**

Summary Information on
Stewardship Subprograms

GENERAL INFORMATION

	Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks	Urban Rivers	Urban Green Space	Acquisition of Development Rights	State Property Development
Is there a maximum grant award?	N	N	N	N	Y *
Is there a sponsor match requirement?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Are non-cash donations eligible as sponsor match?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Does the program fund development?	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Does the program fund acquisition?	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Does the program fund planning?	N	N	N	N	N
Are local governments eligible?	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Are nonprofit conservation organizations eligible?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

* The maximum grant award under this program is \$20,000 per year.

DNR GRANT PROGRAMS:

B. ATV Fund

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/LR/Atv/atvtrails.html>

Program Description

The all-terrain vehicle grant program was created by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1985. The DNR was authorized to administer a grant program to accommodate all-terrain vehicles through the acquiring, insuring, rehabilitating, developing and maintaining of all-terrain vehicle trails, intensive use areas, support facilities and routes as per section 23.33 of Wisconsin Statutes. An off-road vehicle (ORV) advisory council consisting of seven members appointed by the Natural Resources Board advises the Department on matters relating to the administration of the program.

Eligible Applicants

Cities, villages, towns, counties, tribes and federal agencies are eligible.

Eligible Projects

Eligible project costs include:

- Maintenance of all-terrain vehicle trails – up to \$220 per mile for summer maintenance and up to \$80 per mile for winter maintenance.
- Up to 50% cost sharing for the costs to operate and maintain an intensive use area.
- Up to 100% of the cost of purchasing liability insurance for the sponsor of the trail or intensive use area.
- Up to 100% of the cost of both short term (\$.10/rod) and fee simple acquisition for all-terrain vehicle trail riding opportunities.
- Up to 100% of the cost of major rehabilitation to bridge structures or trail segments damaged as a result of all-terrain vehicle use.
- Provides up to 100% of the cost of the development of ATV trails and intensive use areas, including routes.



Levels of Assistance

No cap, but projects are generally under \$100,000.

Funding Priorities

Highest priority for funds is the maintenance, insurance, and acquisition of existing trails and intensive use areas, followed by bridge and trail rehabilitation and then the development of new all-terrain riding opportunities and support facilities.

Funding Cycle

Applications are due to the DNR Regional Offices by April 15 of each year.

Contacts

Contact your regional Community Service Specialist (see table on page 11 for names and phone numbers) or contact Larry Freidig at the DNR Central Office in Madison FreidL@dnr.state.wi.us; (608) 266-5897.

DNR GRANT PROGRAMS:

C. Snowmobile Fund

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/LR/snowmobile/snow.html>

Program Description

The snowmobile grant program was created with the creation of section 350.12(4), Wisconsin Statutes. The DNR was authorized to administer a grant program to counties for the acquisition, development, insurance and maintenance of public snowmobile trails. The Governor's snowmobile recreation council, consisting of 15 members, was created to advise the DNR on matters relating to the administration of the program.

Eligible Applicants

Approximately 90% of available funds are distributed to counties for the maintenance, development and infrastructure of snowmobile trails. Cities, villages, and towns are eligible for route signage costs. Snowmobile clubs can receive free signage for trails open to the public.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects include maintenance of snowmobile trail, providing up to \$250 per mile to keep a trail safe and enjoyable to use, major bridge rehabilitation, trail rehabilitation and trail development. Highest priority of funds provides for maintenance of existing approved trails, including purchase of county liability insurance and acquisition of easements of less than three years.



Funding Cycle

Applications are due to the DNR Regional Offices by April 15 of each year.

Contacts

Contact your regional Community Service Specialist (see table on page 11 for names and phone numbers) or contact Larry Freidig at the DNR Central Office in Madison FreidL@dnr.state.wi.us; (608) 266-5897.



DNR GRANT PROGRAMS:

D. Recreational Trails Act (RTA)

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/LR/Section/rectrails.html>



Program Description

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds through the transfer of federal gas excise taxes paid on fuel used in off-highway vehicles. These funds are used to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses.

Eligible Applicants

Towns, villages, cities, counties, tribal governing bodies, school districts, state agencies, federal agencies or incorporated organizations are eligible to apply for funds. Incorporated organizations are those that are incorporated under section 181.32 of Wisconsin Statutes, whose primary purpose is promoting, encouraging or engaging in outdoor recreation trails activities.

Eligible Projects

- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages
- Construction of new trails (with certain restrictions on Federal lands)
- Acquisition of easement or property for trails

Levels of Assistance

Eligible sponsors may receive a grant for up to 80% of the total project costs of a recreational trail project. However, the State Trails Council has recommended 50% grants to distribute funds more widely. In addition to sponsor match consisting of cash payments, the sponsor may utilize donations of labor, materials, services and land for the trail project to act as the non-Federal cost share. These donations must be consistent with program rules and be identified at the time of application.

RTP funds may only be used on trails which have been identified in or which further a specific goal of a local, county or state trail plan included or referenced in a statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan required by the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LAWCON). 30% of the funds must be used on motorized trail uses, 30% on non-motorized trail uses, and 40% on diversified (multiple) trail uses.

Funding Priorities

The priorities for motorized, non-motorized or compatible/multiple use trails (in order of descending priority):

1. Rehabilitation of existing trails
2. Trail maintenance
3. Trail development
4. Trail acquisition



Funding Cycle

Applications are due to the DNR Regional Offices by May 1 of each year.

Contacts

Contact your regional Community Service Specialist (see table on page 11 for names and phone numbers) or contact Larry Freidig at the DNR Central Office in Madison FreidL@dnr.state.wi.us; (608) 266-5897.

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E. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

<http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/lwcf/index.html>

Program Description

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a program established by Congress in 1964 to create parks and open spaces, protect wilderness, wetlands, and refuges, preserve wildlife habitat, and enhance recreational opportunities. From parks to playgrounds, wilderness to wetlands, bicycle paths to hiking trails, LWCF has helped communities nationwide acquire nearly seven million acres of parkland, water resources, and open space. LWCF has also underwritten the development of more than 37,000 state and local park and recreation projects.



The fund has two main components: 1) a federal program that funds the purchase of land and water areas for conservation and recreation purposes within our nation's four federal and management agencies – Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management; and 2) a state matching grants program that provides funds to states for planning, developing, and acquiring land and water areas for state and local parks and recreation areas.

Source of Funds

Congress in 1968 made offshore oil and gas-drilling lease proceeds the source of funds for LWCF. In most years the funds are divided among the states using a formula based primarily on population. For 2001 over \$786,000 was available for distribution to local governments nationwide. For 2002, this amount increased to over \$1 million.

Eligible Applicants

Local government (towns, villages, cities, counties, tribes), soil and water conservation districts and school districts are eligible.

Level of Assistance

Grant awards cover up to 50% of eligible project costs.

Eligible Projects

Developing and acquiring land and water areas for local parks and recreation areas. Funds appropriated to the state can be used to acquire land for parks and recreation purposes, conserve open space, forests, estuaries, wildlife, and natural resource areas through recreation projects, build or redevelop recreation and park facilities, provide riding and hiking trails, enhance recreation access, and habitat restoration as a project component.

Contacts

Contact your regional Community Service Specialist (see table on page 11 for names and phone numbers) or contact Leslie Gauberti at the DNR Central Office in Madison: Gaubel@dnr.state.wi.us; (608) 267-0497.

Regional Community Service Specialists (CSS) Contact Information



For additional information and to submit applications please contact the CSS in your area.

See page 12 for a map of DNR regions.

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Counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago

Lavane Hessler - West Central Region

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Counties: Adams, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marathon, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Portage, St. Croix, Trempealeau, Vernon, Wood

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Counties: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Washburn

For information on program history, development, policy, statewide coordination, and program fund status, contact the following DNR Central Office Grant Managers, located in Madison:

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|---|---|
| 1. Leslie Gauberti (Gaubel@dnr.state.wi.us)
Telephone: (608) 267-0497 | Stewardship and Federal Land & Water Conservation grants to local governments |
| 2. Janet Beach Hanson (Hansoj@dnr.state.wi.us)
Telephone: (608) 266-0868 | Stewardship Grants to nonprofit conservation organizations (NCO's) |
| 3. Larry Freidig (Freidl@dnr.state.wi.us)
Telephone: (608) 266-5897 | Motorized Recreation Aids Programs,
Federal Recreation Trails Act Program |

Map of DNR Regions

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



Trail Funding Resources Administered by Wisconsin Governmental Agencies

2. Department of Transportation (DOT)



INTRODUCTION. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) receives federal funds to provide a variety of improvement programs, including the Transportation Enhancements and STP-Discretionary programs as components of the Statewide Multi-Modal Improvement Program (SMIP). These programs are designed to fund projects that increase multi-modal transportation alternatives and enhance communities and the environment, and can be used to fund trails.

A. Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program

Part of the Statewide Multi-modal Improvement Program (SMIP)

Program Description

Transportation Enhancement (TE) program activities are designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of transportation systems. The TE program provides for the implementation of non-traditional projects ranging from the restoration of historic transportation facilities, bike and pedestrian facilities, landscaping and scenic beautification, and the mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff. Most requests and projects awarded in Wisconsin have been for bicycle facilities. Examples of bicycle projects include multi-use trails (in greenways, former rail trails, etc.), paved shoulders, bike lanes, bicycle route signage, bicycle parking, overpasses/underpasses/bridges, and sidewalks. All TE must relate to surface transportation. Federal regulations restrict the use of federal funds on trails that allow motorized users, with the exception of snowmobiles.

Eligible Applicants

All projects must be sponsored by a government agency or Indian Tribal Nation.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects include:

- Providing facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
- Acquiring scenic easements and scenic or historic sites and preserving historic sites
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification
- Preserving abandoned railway corridors (including rail-trail development)



Levels of Assistance

Only projects costing \$25,000 and above for non-construction and \$100,000 and above for construction-related activities are eligible for the program. Project costs are 80% reimbursed. The required 20% match can be in-kind/donated labor and materials provided certain conditions are met.

Funding Priorities

The most common TE program facility development projects in Wisconsin are: providing bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities; restoring railway depots; and streetscaping “Main Streets” and landscaping near transportation facilities.

Funding Cycle

Funding cycle varies. Contact the TE specialist at your local district transportation office for current information (see page 15 for listing).

Contacts

Contact your local TE specialist (see page 15) or John Duffe, State TE Coordinator at john.duffe@dot.state.wi.us; (608) 264-8723.

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B. Surface Transportation Discretionary (STP-D) Program Part of the Statewide Multi-Modal Improvement Program (SMIP)

Program Description

This program has grants available for local governments, transit or transportation commissions in areas with a population of greater than 5,000 for projects that promote non-single occupancy vehicle travel, including trails for bicycle commuting. Funding has gone evenly to transit and bicycle/pedestrian projects. Nearly every bicycle project eligible under the transportation enhancement program is also eligible for this program, unless the project will clearly not reduce single-occupant vehicle trips. Unlike with the Transportation Enhancement program, bicycle and pedestrian planning is eligible.

Eligible Applicants

All projects must be sponsored by a local government agency or Indian Tribal Nation.

Eligible Projects

Transit capital, bike planning and transportation demand management projects are eligible. Bicycle and pedestrian facility projects that are submitted for the Transportation Enhancements program are also considered for STP-D funds.

Funding Cycle

Funding cycle varies. Contact your local district transportation office for current information (see page 15).

Contacts

Contact your local district transportation office or John Duffe, State Coordinator, at 608-264-8723.

C. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)

Program Description

The primary purpose of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) is to fund projects and programs that reduce travel or emissions in areas that have failed to meet air quality standards for ozone, carbon monoxide and small particulate matter. Bicycle and pedestrian projects are eligible for CMAQ if they reduce the number of vehicle trips and miles traveled. Almost all bicycle projects eligible for Transportation Enhancements and Surface Transportation Discretionary (STP-D) programs are likely to be eligible, but a higher burden of proof that the project will reduce air pollution will be required. Non-construction activities such as maps and brochures may be eligible if a clear link can be made to emissions reductions. Only bicycle projects in Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Sheboygan, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Walworth and Door Counties are eligible for CMAQ.

Funding Cycle

Funding cycle varies. Contact the CMAQ specialist at your local district transportation office for current information (see page 15).

Contacts

Contact your local district transportation office (note that the Region 2 (Waukesha) contact is Anita Pusch), or John Duffe, state coordinator at 608-264-8723. Also a good idea to contact your local MPO (see page 16 for listing).

DOT GRANT PROGRAMS:

D. Other Funding Sources

Hazard Elimination Program

Bicycle and pedestrian projects are now eligible for this program. The Hazard Elimination Program is designed for areas with a documented history of crashes. Contact program coordinators at District DOT offices for details. Chuck Thiede at 608-266-3341 is the statewide coordinator.

Surface Transportation Program - Urban

Metropolitan areas receive an allocation of funds annually for a variety of improvements including bicycle and pedestrian projects. Most of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) that administer this program have been using these funds to integrate bicycle and pedestrian projects as larger street reconstruction projects are initiated. See page 16 for MPO contact information.

Incidental Improvements

Bicycle and pedestrian projects are eligible for funding from most major federal-aid programs. One very cost-effective way of facilitating bicycle and pedestrian accommodations is to incorporate them as part of larger reconstruction, new construction, or repaving project. The same source of funding can usually be used for the bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as for larger highway improvements. The bicycle and pedestrian accommodation must be incidental in scope and cost to the overall project. Most bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in Wisconsin are made as incidental improvements.

Wisconsin DOT Local District Transportation Office Contacts

TE/STP-D/CMAQ program contacts

District 1	(Madison)	Dave McCosh	(608) 246-5445	david.mccosh@dot.state.wi.us
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STP-Discretionary Program – John Duffe, general (608) 264-8723
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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Contacts

Appleton - Oshkosh

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Internet: <http://www.eastcentralrpc.org/>

Beloit

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Beloit, WI 53511
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Eau Claire

Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization
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West Central WI Regional Planning Commission
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Eau Claire, WI 54703-3606
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PO Box 5005
Janesville, WI 53547-5005
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Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine

Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Phil Evenson, Executive Director
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P.O. Box 1607

Waukesha, WI 53187-1607
Phone: (414) 547-6721
Fax: (414) 547-1103
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<http://www.wisrep.org/SEWRPC/sewrpc.html>

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La Crosse Area Planning Committee
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Superior-Duluth, MPO
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3. Department of Administration (DOA)

A. Comprehensive Planning Grants

<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/olis/index.asp>

Program Description

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) planning grants can be used for development of any element of a comprehensive plan, as well as the plan in its entirety. Priority, however, is given to complete planning processes that result in adopted "comprehensive plans," not piecemeal approaches. They should contact the Office of Land Information Services (OLIS) in DOA. The current program is a result of Wisconsin's recent Smart Growth¹ legislation.

Eligible Applicants

Towns, villages, cities, counties and regional planning commissions are eligible to apply. Two or more local governmental units are eligible to apply as a multi-jurisdictional applicant.

Eligible Projects

Eligible activities include activities reasonably related to the development of a comprehensive plan described in 16.965, 16.9651 and 66.1001² of Wisconsin Statutes.

- Services and activities included in 16.965(2) and 16.9651(2), Wisconsin Statutes, including contracting for planning consultant services, public planning sessions, educational activities, and purchase of computerized planning data, planning software and hardware required to utilize planning data.
- Development of the plan document including printing costs.
- Public participation and outreach activities including educational materials, citizen surveys, internet activities and newsletters.
- Development, purchase and documentation of data, maps and computerized information used within the plan or plan update.
- Other activities necessary for the development and preparation of a comprehensive plan or plan update.

Levels of Assistance

Maximum grant award levels range from \$10,000 to \$175,000 and are based on the population of the community applying for the grant. The required local match for the project is at most 50% of the base funding level, based on whether projects are single or multi-jurisdictional and the cost of the project.

Funding Cycle

Funding cycle varies. Contact Sarah Kemp, Grant Specialist, at sarah.kemp@doa.state.wi.us for current information.

Contacts

Sarah Kemp at 608-264-6117 or e-mail her at sarah.kemp@doa.state.wi.us. You may also call the OLIS general number at 608-267-2707 for more information. Work with your local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to get your trail included in local planning efforts. See page 16 for a listing of MPOs.

¹ For more information on Smart Growth: <http://www1.uwex.edu/ces/pubs/pdf/G3750.PDF>

² Section 66.1001 of Wisconsin Statutes can be viewed and downloaded from the Office of Land Information Services web site at <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/olis/>. The comprehensive planning statutes can be found from the front page, under Items of Interest, "Comprehensive Planning or Smart Growth" and by opening the documents entitled "Comprehensive Planning and Smart Growth Statutes" http://www.doa.state.wi.us/olis/pdf_files/comp_plan_stats_1200.pdf.

DOA GRANT PROGRAMS:

B. Coastal Management Grants

<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/dhir/boir/coastal>

Program Description

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) supports the management, protection and restoration of Wisconsin's coastal resources, and increases public access to the Great Lakes. The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) administers WCMP Grants in collaboration with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council (WCMC) and the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), U.S. Department of Commerce, through funding provided under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA).

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are local units of governments, state agencies, colleges and universities, regional planning commissions serving coastal areas, tribal units of government and private, nonprofit organizations. Applicants for redevelopment and public access projects must be public agencies; nonprofit applicants may be considered if the project will be implemented on publicly owned land.

Eligible Projects

Eligible activities include activities related to wetland protection and restoration, cumulative and secondary impacts of development, land use and community planning, waterfront renovation, and public access projects. Projects must be located in one or more Wisconsin counties adjacent to Lake Superior or Lake Michigan.

Redevelopment and Public Access Grants will renovate under-used or deteriorated waterfronts (lakefront/riverfront), boost the local economy and make waterfronts more accessible and enjoyable to the public. Projects that qualify for this grant category are low-cost construction projects that are not capital-intensive. Examples include construction of walkways, piers, viewing decks, fishing piers, restoration of historic buildings, etc. Funds may be used to purchase materials and to pay labor and management costs for construction. Land acquisition for providing public access and removal of pilings is also eligible.

Projects that are **not** eligible include harbor dredging, warehouse demolition, breakwater construction, constructing an erosion-control structure, marina construction and improvements to buildings for rental and lodging.

Levels of Assistance

Approximately \$1.7 million is available annually for Coastal Management Grants. Projects totaling \$50,000 or less require a 50% match. Projects larger than \$50,000 require a 60% match. Match may be in-kind, cash, or a combination of the two. Applicants must certify that they can supply the required match. Match cannot be federal funds except for tribal "self-sufficiency" grants. Local money spent before the grant is awarded cannot be considered as match, including expenses incurred in preparing this application, preliminary engineering reports, etc.

Funding Cycle

A request for proposals will be released in August; applications are due in November. Projects may start after July 1 and must be completed within 12 months (June 30).

Contacts

Mike Friis, (608) 267-7982, michael.friis@doa.state.wi.us, or Travis Olson, (608) 266-3687, travis.olson@doa.state.wi.us. General Coastal Management Program information: (608) 266-0288, coastal@doa.state.wi.us, or www.doa.state.wi.us/dhir/boir/coastal.

➡ Private Trail Funding Resources (List is not complete.)

REI

REI offers two kinds of grants. One focuses on conservation and the other on recreational activities. Unsolicited grant requests will not be accepted. REI employees must make nominations. Contact your nearest REI store for information. Two REI stores are located in Wisconsin.

REI, Brookfield Store
13100 West Capitol Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53005
(262) 783-6150

REI, Madison Store
7483 West Towne Way
Madison, WI 53719
(608) 833-6680

American Greenways Kodak Awards Program

This program is administered by the Conservation Fund. It provides grants of \$500 to \$2500 to local greenways projects. Grants can be used for almost any activity that serves as a catalyst for local greenway planning, design or development. Contact the American Greenways Program at the Conservation Fund, 1800 North Kent Street, Suite 1120, Arlington, VA 22209 or e-mail them at dswol@conservationfund.org.

National Trails Endowment

<http://www.americanhiking.org/alliance/endowment.html>

American Hiking Society's National Trails Endowment is the only privately funded, national grants program dedicated solely to hiking trails. National Trails Fund grants have been used for land acquisition, constituency building campaigns, and traditional trail work projects. Over the last four years, AHS granted nearly \$200,000 to 42 different organizations across the U.S. Contact Liz Dooley, Alliance Programs Manager with any questions at 301-565-6704 ext. 212 or NTE@AmericanHiking.org.

PowerBar's Direct Impact on Rivers and Trails Program (D.I.R.T.)

<http://powerbar.com/whoWeAre/dirt/>

Provides grants ranging from \$2000 - \$5000 in support of efforts to protect, preserve, and restore recreational lands and waterways. Applications are available on PowerBar's Web site or write to Powerfood, Inc., Attn. DIRT program, 2150 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710.

International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA)

<http://www.imba.com/resources/grants/index.html>

IMBA creates, enhances and preserves trail opportunities for mountain bikers worldwide, and will help with trail design. Encourages low-impact riding, volunteer trailwork participation, cooperation among different trail user groups, and innovative trail management solutions. Visit the IMBA website for a listing of funding opportunities.

➡ Other Funding Sources

The Design Arts Program of the National Endowment for the Arts

Funds projects that promote excellence in urban design, historic preservation, planning, architecture and landscaped planning. Contact the staff: Room 265, Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506.

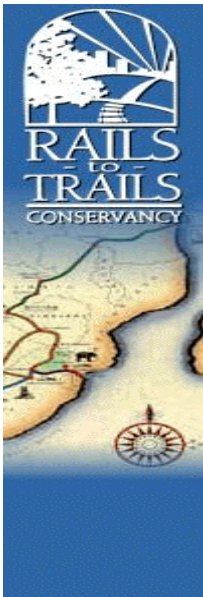


Local Community Foundations in your area are good potential funding sources. The book *Foundations in Wisconsin* is available through your local library and will list Community Foundations that serve your area.



Websites to visit as you are thinking about your project:

- **Rail to Trails Conservancy** - <http://www.railtrails.org>



The purpose of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) is to enrich America's communities and countryside by creating a nationwide network of public trails from former rail lines and connecting corridors.

RTC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with more than 100,000 members and supporters. Founded in 1986, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is located in Washington, D.C. and has offices in California, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Contact Information

In Wisconsin, contact the Michigan office for more information:

416 S Cedar St. Suite C

Lansing, MI 48912

Phone: 517-485-6022

Fax: 517-485-9181

E-mail: rctmichigan@transact.org

- **American Hiking Society** - http://www.americanhiking.org/policy/trail_fund.html

The mission of American Hiking Society is protecting and promoting foot trails. They also offer a multitude of resources to help fund and plan for trails and serve as an advocate for policy that benefits foot travel. AHS is located in Washington DC and work to closely monitor federal legislation, but also offers resources and assistance to local trails groups.

Contact Information

American Hiking Society

1422 Fenwick Lane

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Phone: 301-565-6704

Fax: 301-565-6714



- **Gathering Waters** - <http://www.gatheringwaters.org>

Gathering Waters is a land conservation organization formed in 1995 to assist land trusts, landowners and communities in their efforts to protect Wisconsin's land and water resources. Established by a coalition of land trusts, Gathering Waters serves as an education and technical assistance center for land trusts and landowners alike. But our mission goes far beyond training and providing expert advice on land conservation issues. Gathering Waters works directly with concerned landowners and existing land trusts statewide to preserve Wisconsin's natural heritage and rural landscape.

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