

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission

April 23, 2025

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

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. RTP 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 trail 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 local governments, state agencies, federal agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofits. Applicants must provide a match contribution of at least 20%.

The RTP Grant Advisory Committee met on March 4-5, 2025, 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. A total of 28 grant requests were submitted to OPRD, seeking \$2,976,046 in funding assistance. Of these, 15 projects were recommended for funding within the \$2,012,631 available.

Final grant amounts may be adjusted as project budgets are finalized. Once approved by the OPRD Commission, projects will be submitted to FHWA for review and funding authorization.

Prior Action by Commission: Prior annual RTP grant approvals

Action Requested: Staff requests Commission approval of the RTP Grant Advisory Committee's recommended ranking and distribution of RTP grants.

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

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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department April 23, 2025 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant Approval Motorized Grant Requests \$706,515 Available						
Ranking	Project Name	Applicant	County	Brief Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested
1	Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (ODNRA) Sand Route Improvements and Restoration*	Siuslaw National Forest	Coos, Lane	Raise the Driftwood OHV Route by 2-3 feet with sand, improve existing and build new drainage structures, and significantly improve routes for safety and width.	\$ 178,143	\$ 141,128
2	Klamath Basin Trail Groomer*	Oregon State Snowmobile Association	Klamath	Purchase a winter trail groomer for operation by the Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club and the Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA)	\$ 301,500	\$ 241,200
3	Panhandle Trail Groomer*	Oregon State Snowmobile Association	Baker	Purchase a winter trail groomer for operation by the Panhandle Snowmobile Club and the Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA)	\$ 393,661	\$ 314,929
4	Utility Snowmobile and Sled*	Walker Rim Riders Snowmobile Club	Klamath	One time purchase of a 2 person utility snowmobile and towable sled to support winter multi-use trail and trail signage maintenance. **\$16,960 was requested and partial funding has been offered**	\$ 21,200	\$ 9,258
Total of Motorized Projects Recommended for Funding					\$ 894,504	\$ 706,515
Balance = \$0						
If partial funding is not accepted for project #4, it will be offered to projects below this line.						
5	Mt. Hood Cat Shed Expansion*	Oregon State Snowmobile Association	Wasco	Add a 15' x 45' addition onto the existing Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club's existing Cat Shed which is located at the Skyline Sno-Park in the Mt. Hood National Forest.	\$ 64,501	\$ 51,601
6	Utility Snowmobile*	Mt. Hood Snowmobile Association	Wasco	Purchase of Utility Snowmobile for volunteer use. This would be used to pull a sleigh that hauls chainsaws and other trail equipment for trail maintenance.	\$ 18,176	\$ 14,536
7	Avalanche Forecast and Education*	Wallowa Avalanche Center	Baker, Union, Wallowa	Provide avalanche forecasts and regular avalanche safety classes for winter recreationists, including snowmobilers, backcountry skiers, snowshoers, and Nordic skiers.	\$ 38,000	\$ 30,000
Total of Motorized Projects Not Recommended for Funding					\$ 1,909,686	\$ 96,137
Grand Total of Non-Motorized Funding Requests					\$ 802,652	

*Diverse use project

<p>Oregon Parks and Recreation Department April 23, 2025 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Project Ranking Non-Motorized Grant Requests \$1,306,116 Available</p>						
Ranking	Project Name	Applicant	County	Brief Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested
1	Post Canyon: From Network to System Phase 1*	Hood River County	Hood River	Improve trail & trailhead experience for equestrians, hikers, and trail runners. Reduce risk & improve connectivity for mtb. Reduce cost & response time for non-OHV trail maintenance & project needs. Purchase equipment.	\$ 222,654	\$ 157,710
2	Kelsay Valley / Cline Buttes Trails*	Oregon Equestrian Trails	Deschutes, Douglas	Heavy reconstruction of fire- and storm-damaged trails near Kelsay Valley (Umpqua NF) and construction of two new equestrian/hiking trails in the Cline Buttes area of Central Oregon.	\$ 156,888	\$ 125,346
3	Cook Park Accessible Dock Project - Phase 2	City of Tigard	Washington	Project includes an ADA compliant hard surface path and gangway leading to a fully accessible boarding dock with universally designed adaptive hardware that will provide river users and outdoor recreationists of all abilities or limitations with enhanced access to connect with nature in and along the Tualatin River.	\$ 880,000	\$ 150,000
4	Bachelor to Bend New Trail Construction*	Central Oregon Trail Alliance	Deschutes	This project will build 6.11 miles of singletrack trails west of Bend to create an iconic 20-mile "Bachelor to Bend" ride.	\$ 165,635	\$ 84,990
5	Sisters District Trail Relocations*	Deschutes Trails Coalition	Deschutes, Jefferson	Relocating portions of 7 trails totaling 2.8 miles to address resource impacts, reduce long-term heavy maintenance costs, minimize confusion for trail users, and improve trail connectivity.	\$ 113,313	\$ 66,429
6	Marshall Park Trail Project	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department	Multnomah	The Tryon Creek to Marshall Park Trail will replace a .6-mile long user-created trail and will complete a missing portion of the Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail and will install bridges over four stream crossings.	\$ 805,378	\$ 150,000
7	Wenaha Wilderness Trail Rehabilitation*	National Forest Foundation	Wallowa	The National Forest Foundation and Forest Service will rehabilitate 20 miles of trail in Umatilla National Forest that were damaged in the 2015 Grizzly Fire, re-opening a continuous route through Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness.	\$ 238,000	\$ 71,400

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6a Attachment B) RTP Non-Motorized Grant Requests

Ranking	Project Name	Applicant	County	Brief Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested
8	Gearhart Mountain Wilderness Trails Rehabilitation*	National Forest Foundation	Klamath, Lake	The NFF and Forest Service will rehabilitate 18.4 miles of trail in Fremont-Winema National Forest that were damaged in the 2021 Bootleg Fire. There are 14.47 miles of trail in Gearhart Mountain Wilderness.	\$ 230,448	\$ 149,792
9	Trailhead Enhancements at Wyeth Bench*	U.S. Forest Service Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (NSA)	Hood River	This project will construct a new trailhead to access the Cascade Locks Trail System which is a destination-quality, multiuse trail network in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area adjacent to Cascade Locks.	\$ 140,555	\$ 112,050
10	Eagle Cap Wilderness Trail Bridges Reconstruction*	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	Baker, Union, Wallowa	This project accomplishes deferred maintenance on priority trails within the Eagle Cap Wilderness, including heavy logout in burned areas and construction of 8 structures (small bridges and puncheon).	\$ 197,659	\$ 130,592
11	Prescott Park - Twilight Trail Restoration Project*	City of Medford	Jackson	The grant would fund restoration of the 1.33-mile Twilight Trail in Prescott Park. Project will involve removing rock protrusions, grading, adding a trail signage kiosk, installing three culverts and two benches.	\$ 138,507	\$ 70,488
Total of Non-Motorized Projects Recommended for Funding					\$ 3,289,035	\$ 1,268,796
Balance = \$37,320						
Projects below this line will not be funded.						
12	North Fork Park Trail Development	Marion County	Marion	Construction of a new trail network with both soft and compacted hard surfaces, enhanced signage, and day-use recreational amenities to restore and improve recreational access in areas affected by the Beachie Creek Fire.	\$ 122,349	\$ 97,700
13	Veterans and Youth Restoring Boulder Creek Trail*	Source One Serenity	Douglas	The project aims to restore the heavily damaged Boulder Creek Trail due to numerous wildfires. Funding is sought to collaborate with the youth corps supported by veterans.	\$ 52,874	\$ 41,400
14	#1169 Game Lake Trail Heavy Restoration Project*	Wild Rivers Coast Mountain Bike Association	Curry	Restoration of trail #169 Game Lake Trail to USFS Trail Management Objectives and reestablish the trail between Oak Flat and Game Lake.	\$ 225,677	\$ 178,603
15	Sandy Ridge Trail System Improvement Project	Northwest Trail Alliance	Clackamas	Rebuild of the Johnny Royale black line mountain bike-optimized trail at Sandy Ridge Trail system near Brightwood, OR.	\$ 81,255	\$ 65,000

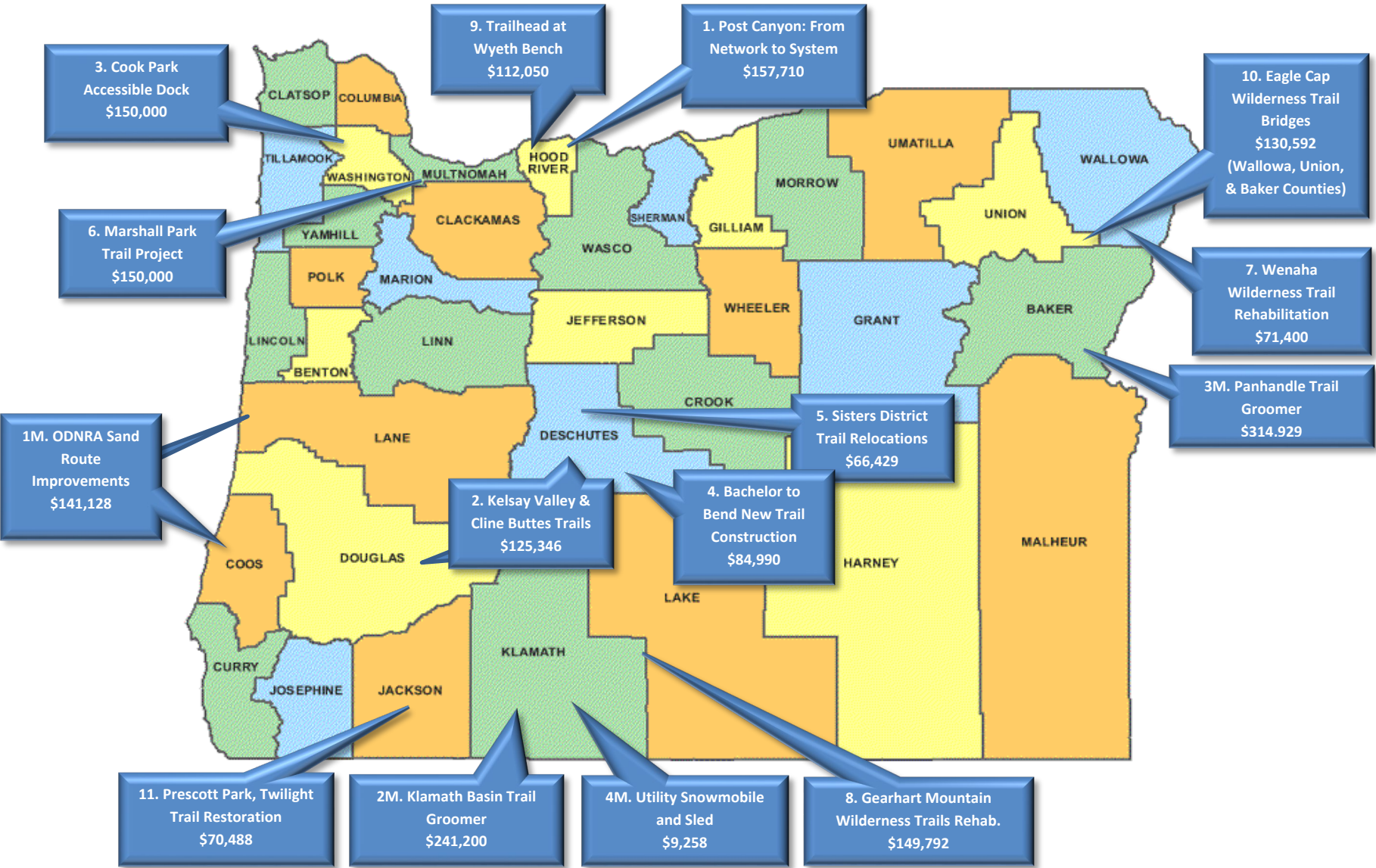
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Ranking	Project Name	Applicant	County	Brief Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested
16	Sky Lakes Fire Rehab*	Siskiyou Mountain Club	Jackson, Klamath	Restore a 32 mile trail system in the 116,000-acre Sky Lakes Wilderness Area	\$ 149,644	\$ 103,900
17	Quarry Park Trails Project*	Visit McMinnville	Yamhill	Phase 1 of a pedestrian/hiker and bike trail project	\$ 195,645	\$ 148,645
18	Grabhorn Property Footpath Project*	City of Scappoose	Columbia	The purpose of this project is to construct a path within the Grabhorn Property that will connect it with existing parks to the South of the site.	\$ 150,000	\$ 120,000
19	Josephine County Veteran's Memorial Walk	Josephine County	Josephine	This project will rehabilitate existing trails at Pierce Riffle Park by clearing the overgrown vegetation. The trails will be widened and new material will be placed on the walkways as well as adding ADA viewing locations.	\$ 101,000	\$ 80,800
20	Safety & Education at Dispersed Campgrounds*	Discover Your Northwest dba Discover Your Forest	Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath	35 Forest Steward volunteers will engage with diverse users at dispersed campgrounds on Deschutes National Forest on fire safety, Leave No Trace principles, wildlife habitat protections, and trail information.	\$ 100,537	\$ 28,550
21	OCT Outreach and Education - Southern Oregon Coast	Curry County	Curry	To provide outreach and education to those recreating along the Oregon Coast Trail within Curry County on the Southern Oregon Coast.	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
Total of Non-Motorized Projects Not Recommended for Funding					\$ 1,228,980	\$ 904,598
Grand Total of Non-Motorized Funding Requests						\$ 2,173,394

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6a Attachment C



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

(#M = Motorized project)