

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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### **NDPRD seeking RTP Grant Applications for 2017**

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) is seeking Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant applications for 2017. NDPRD will have approximately \$930,000 of federal grant monies available for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects through the Recreational Trails Program.

The Recreational Trails Program is an 80/20 matching grant program that provides funding for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects. The RTP is administered at the state level through the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department with guidance from the Recreational Trails Program Advisory Council (RTPAC), and federally through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Applicants may request grant amounts ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$200,000 and project sponsors must have at least 20 percent match available at the time of the application. Eligible projects consist of construction of new recreation trails; restoration of existing trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment; land acquisition/easements; trail accessibility assessment. Priority will be given to construction of new trails. Projects will be required to start in 2017.

Applications for 2017 will be online at <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/>, click on the grants tab. The application cycle will open Dec, 1, 2015 with a deadline of Jan. 29, 2016 at 1 p.m. Central Time.