

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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North Dakota Parks and Recreation seeks trail grant applicants

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) is now accepting Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant applications. For information on how to apply, please visit <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/grants/rtp/rtpoverview.html>. Applications must be submitted online by March 1, 2012.

The Recreational Trails Program is an 80/20 matching grant program that provides funding to government entities and non-profits for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects. Examples of eligible projects include trail development or rehabilitation, trail linkages, trailside and trailhead facilities, and trail signage. RTP funds up to 80 percent of the total project cost, and applicants may request grant amounts ranging from a minimum of \$20,000 up to a maximum of \$150,000. At the time of application, the project sponsor must have at least 20percent of the total project cost available to meet the match requirements. The local share may include tax sources, bond issues, force account contributions, or donated labor, equipment and materials

The following projects were awarded funding in 2011:

- Snowmobile North Dakota- Trail Program Updates
- City of Tower City- Alexander Park Multi-Use Trail
- Valley City Park District- Pioneer Park Multi-Use Trail
- Bismarck Park District- Cross Country Ski Trail Grooming Equipment & Scheels Sports Complex Multi-Use Trail
- USDA Forest Service- Maah Daah Hey Trail System & Denbigh Forest Trail System
- NDPRD- Turtle River State Park Trail System, Lake Metigoshe State Park Trail System, Icelandic State Park Trail System & Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area Trail System

For more information on RTP and other grant programs, please visit the NDPRD's website at <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/grants/grantsmenu.html> or contact Jessica Riepl, Recreation Grants Coordinator, at 701-328-5357 or jriepl@nd.gov.