

# Press Release



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## ***Deadline Approaching for Trail Grant Applications***

BISMARCK, N.D.– The deadline to apply for Fiscal Year 2008 grant funds for recreational trail projects is April 1, 2008.

The National Recreational Trails Program is a component of the federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and is administered locally by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. The grant's purpose is to assist government entities and private non-profit organizations in the development, maintenance or rehabilitation of recreational trails. Both motorized and non-motorized trail projects are eligible for funding.

RTP funds may be used for trail maintenance and restoration, trail construction, the purchase of trail equipment, easements for trails, trail facilities such as trail heads and kiosks and trail safety education programs.

These funds are intended for recreation trails and may not be used to improve roads for general vehicle use or to provide shoulders or sidewalks along roads.

Eligible sponsors may receive a grant for 80 percent of the total project cost, not to exceed \$100,000 in grant funding. The 20 percent match may be cash and/or in-kind labor and materials. Eligible engineering costs may not exceed 20 percent of the total project. The application and program information is available online at the N.D. Parks and Recreation Department web site at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) under recreation/grants or by calling 701-328-5364.