North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department
Recreation Division – 701-328-5357 – parkrec@nd.gov

Recreational Trails Program(RTP) Grant Application

Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grants are available to the State of North Dakota, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations in order to assist in the development, maintenance, or rehabilitation of recreational trails. The RTP is an assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The program is administered by the Recreation Division of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD).

Project proposals must be approved at the state and federal levels. A Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee (RTPAC) made up of private, state, and federal individuals evaluates and ranks the projects. Projects selected at the state level are submitted to the FHWA for final review and approval.

RTP grants reimburse up to 80 percent of the cost for development, maintenance, or rehabilitation of recreational trails. Engineering fees exceeding more than 20% of total project cost are not eligible for reimbursement. Project sponsors cannot be reimbursed for funds that are incurred before an application is approved and a local grant agreement is signed.

The application cycle is open from December 1, 2015 to January 29, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. CST.

Date: 1/25/2016

CONTACT INFORMATION

Project Sponsor: Grafton Parks and Recreation
(Must be political subdivision)
Project Name: Leistkiow Park non-motorized trail maintenance

Primary Contact

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Title:	Director
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County:	Walsh

Alternate Contact

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Phone:	701-352-1842
County:	Walsh

REIMBURSEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name and address for where reimbursement payments should be sent to.
If same as Primary/Alternate Contact, please state "Same as Primary OR Same as Alternate Contact"

Same as primary/alternate contact

If not, please fill out below.

Reimbursement Contact

Name:
Title:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
E-Mail:
Phone:
County:

Estimated Start Date: 1/1/2017 Estimated Completion Date: 6/30/2018

(Grant recipients have 18 months to complete projects)

*All RTP projects must meet accessibility guidelines in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Architectural Barriers Act. For more information refer to the U.S. Access Board at www.access-board.gov. Look for the Reg Neg Committee 1999 Report: Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas.

Does the proposed project meet requirements of the American with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Act? Yes

Briefly Explain.

Although this is a non-motorized trail, we do comply by allowing those with disabilities motorized access to our trail system.

Do you have an established Title VI program? ☑ Yes ☐ No

"http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/tvichecklist.cfm"

PROJECT LOCATION

Property Name:

Leistikow Park

Physical Address: 721 West 5th Street, Grafton North Dakota

County: Walsh

Legal Description: W1/2W1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 13, Township 157 North, Range 53 West (See attached)

Township: T157N Range: R53W Section: 13

Latitude (in decimal degrees): example: 46.785690 48.252210 N

Longitude (in decimal degrees): example: -100.622172 97.250129 W

*Please use **Google Maps** to find your latitude and longitude.*

PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Based on the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), please identify the following: "http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/information/department/attachments/scorp-2013-2017.pdf"

Region 4

☑ Primary: ☐ Secondary: ☐ Tertiary:

2. Is the scope of the project:

☐ Construction of New Recreation Trails *Number of miles ☐
☐ Restoration of Existing Trails *Number of miles ☐
☐ Trail Extension *Number of miles ☐
☑ Purchase and Lease of Recreational Trail Construction and Maintenance Equipment
☑ Development and Rehabilitation Trailhead Facilities and Trail Linkages
☐ Land Acquisition/Easements
☐ Trail Accessibility Assesment

*Based on the above checked box, the total mileage of your trail is now: 2

3. Check all uses the project impacts:

☑ Walking/Hiking ☑ Cross-Country Skiing ☐ ATV Riding
☑ Bicycling ☐ In-Line Skating ☐ Off-Road Motorcycling
☑ Horseback Riding ☐ Snowmobiling ☐ Other

4. Classification of Land:

☐ State
☐ Federal
☑ Local
☐ Private

Who holds the title to the project land?

Grafton Parks and Recreation

5. Does any of the project fall within a federal highway right-of-way? ☐ Yes ☑ No

"http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/grants/rtp/rtpprojectselection.html", click on North Dakota National Highway System Map.

6. Does your project take place within the jurisdiction of one of the three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO): Bismarck-Mandan, Fargo, or Grand Forks? If yes, which one?

☐ Bismarck-Mandan
☐ Fargo
☐ Grand Forks
☑ No, this project is not within an MPO

Has your project received approval from the MPO? Yes ☐ No ☐

BUDGET INFORMATION

Total project cost: $1,848,991.00

Total grant amount requested: $3,697.98

Would partial funding affect the completion of the grant? Yes ☑ No ☐

If yes, briefly explain.

We may be unable to complete the project completely and cost effectively without the equipment we are requesting in this grant application.

BUDGET INFORMATION WORKSHEET

Total Project Cost	$18,489.91	
Total Grant Amount Requested	$14,791.93	
Cost Category	**Amount**	
Land, structures, rights-of-ways, etc.		
Relocation expenses and payments		
Architectural and engineering fees		
Demolition and removal		
Construction		
Equipment	$14,258.40	
Materials		
Miscellaneous	$4,231.51	
TOTAL	$18,489.91	
Matching Funds		
Source	**Amount**	**Description**
Cash Match	$3,697.98	
Documentation of Donated Equipment Value, SFN 59169		
Documentation of Donated Labor, SFN 59170		
Documentation of Force Account Labor, SFN 59171		
Documentation of Donated Material, SFN 59172		
TOTAL MATCHING FUNDS	$3,697.98	

*** Total project cost will need to be submitted upon completion of project.**

Requirement and Evaluation Criterion:

Each application must address each of the following requirements in the order they appear below:

1. A project description sufficient to understand the project. Indicate prominently whether this is primarily 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; or trail accessibility assessment. Please explain if the application is for one or more phases of a multi-phase project.

* The purpose of our project is to continue to maintain and enhance the trail system located within a 38-acre, mostly wooded parcel of land located in the boundaries of Leistikow Park. This will be accomplished primarily through the purchase of equipment.
* The purchase of equipment will allow us to continue to clean up the Basswood-Bur Oak forest in accordance with the recommendations from the Biological Assessment and Evaluation report complied by North Dakota Parks and Recreation in November, 2013.
* In addition, we plan to add outdoor garbage receptacles and pet waste stations to keep the trails clean for those who enjoy the trails with their four-legged friends. We also plan to install bird houses and nest boxes to provide nesting opportunities for migratory birds and waterfowl, thus enhancing the trail experience for all users.

2. Clearly defined goals for the project (with a delineation of which user groups would benefit from the project).

* The purchase of equipment such as a hydraulic dump trailer, commercial grade wood chipper and commercial grade brush cutter and commercial grade chainsaw will allow us to remove the piles of branches, brush and trash left by years of dead-falls, flooding and trash dumping from the former State Developmental Center which we acquired the property from in 2011. The trailer will also be utilized to haul in materials such as gravel to repair trails after high-water events.
* A brush trimmer will also allow us the opportunity to remove and control invasive plant and shrub species. It is our intention to replace those invasive species with native plants and flowers and to promote pollinator habitat throughout the ecosystem.
* In addition we hope to enhance the experience for those who use our trail system year round by providing pet waste stations. We will also install artificial nesting structures for upland birds, such as the eastern bluebird and waterfowl nest boxes for the viewing and observation pleasure of our trail users.
* We also would purchase a snow roller used for conditioning our cross country ski trails for the winter season.
* The project will benefit all who use our trail system throughout all four seasons of the year. From cross country skiers and snow shoe enthusiasts in the winter months and hikers, bikers, walkers and nature enthusiasts in the spring, summer and fall.
*In addition to the general public our trails are used by visitors to our 62-site campground and by the local school districts for physical education and science classes.

3. Costs associated with the project (with estimates of the following components: material/service purchases including hardware, paint, lumber, sand/gravel concrete, landscape materials, signs, design/engineering services, contractor services, equipment rates, equipment costs, and land lease payments). Please reference budget information worksheet, as necessary.

* DR Power 21.0 self-feeding, electric start Wood Chipper 1 @ $5,000 + Freight $225 = $5,225

* 3.5 Ton Hydraulic Dump Trailer 1 @ $3,678.00 + Freight $1,100 = $4,778.00

* Snow Roller list price $1,895 plus shipping = $2,136.00

* Brush Cutter 1@ $1,149.95

* Stihl chainsaw with 25 inch bar = $969.95

* Bluebird Houses 5 @ $36.99 = $184.95

* Wood Duck Houses 10 @ $47.97 = $479.70

* Dog Waste Stations 3 @ $399.00 = $1,197.00

* Outdoor Metal Waste Receptacle (36 gallons) 5 @ $379.00 + shipping = $2,369.86

4. Evidence of local/area support (council resolutions, minutes of public meetings, letters of support, etc.). Evidence of MPO support must be included if applicable.

We have letters of support from The Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Grafton School District, The City of Grafton and from local citizens who utilize our trail system during all four seasons of the year.
(See attachments)

5. Availability/access to 20% match for eligible elements of the project proposal. Matching funds must not be from other federal sources such as Transportation Enhancement (TE) or Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) through the Department of Transportation. A resolution from the sponsor of the project regarding the availability of funds will be required prior to any award of a grant.

A resolution will be provided by Grafton Parks and Recreation to provide funding for the 20 percent match.

6. Evidence of applicant capability to carry out project. For development projects, applicant capability to operate, maintain, and protect trail and facilities when completed).

Grafton Parks and Recreation employs a year-round staff that includes the responsibility for maintenance of the trails.

7. Site and project quality: consideration of the needs of the intended trail user group(s); aesthetic quality of the trail location; appropriateness of the trail for the intended or existing uses; clarity, detail, and quality of project plan/design; quality of existing development (if any) on site or in corridor; attention to safety, accessibility and health considerations.

* A Biological Assessment and Evaluation was conducted in November 2013 by North Dakota Parks and Recreation.
* According to that assessment, on page 8: "Although disturbed, this woodland serves an important role for wildlife by providing shelter, food sources and nesting habitat. This woodland is rare across North Dakota....The current condition of the woodland is poor. Canada thistle and Buckthorn were found along the trail and common throughout the area. In the past, there has been a lot of human disturbances and plenty of dumping areas within the woodland. the park board has acquired the land and has been actively cleaning up the area."
* The report further states on page 21: "Common buckthorn and burdock are present within the woodland. A plan to minimize their spread would benefit the diversity of the woodland and increase native species occurring there."
* With the purchase of the equipment requested in this grant we will be able to continue to improve the aesthetic qualities of our trail system.

8. Public need for and benefit of project: safety concerns, urgency of action, potential to lose the opportunity, number of people who would benefit from the project when compared to cost. Why should this project be funded? How many people could be expected to use the trail over the course of the year as a result of funding the project?

* Grafton Parks and Recreation was awarded an RTP grant in 2012 for the Leistikow Park Trails. Since that time the trail system has been used by a wide demographic from park patrons, members of the general public and the local school districts.
* Grafton Parks and Recreation has been grooming its trails for winter users since January, 2013. After receiving an extension due to flooding issues in 2013, trail work including widening and graveling of trails was completed in July, 2014. Since that time the usage of the trails has grown exponentially.
* Our trails have been highlighted in the local media, our website and Facebook page. News of our trails and the experiences they offer continues to spread as usage grows.
* More than 4,000 people annually can be expected to use the trail system.

9. Attention to the potential environmental impact of the project and efforts to mitigate adverse effects: Possible areas of consideration include but are not limited to: noise, odors, dust, surface erosion, fish and wildlife populations, damage to wetlands, or other ecologically sensitive natural resources or historical/archeological remains. All applications are subject to review by the State Historical Society. If sponsor has a recent cultural review letter or document, please include with the application attachments.

* There is no adverse environmental impact associated with our trails as indicated in the Biological Assessment and Evaluation conducted by North Dakota Parks and Recreation in 2013. Continued maintenance and cleanup are in concert with the assessment and evaluation.

10. Impact on adjoining landowners in the vicinity of the project: Identify adverse impacts that might be realized as a result of completing the project, and how the project design attempts to mitigate adverse impacts. How might the project improve conditions for adjacent landowners?

* The park is bounded on two sides by agricultural land and on the other two sides by residential property. The impact of reducing invasive weed and shrub species would be of a benefit to adjoining landowners in the vicinity of the project.

ATTACHMENTS

* A legible copy of the Warranty Deed (project sponsor must have clear title to the project lands through Warranty Deed).
* Project location map. NOTE: Map should be an aerial view that allows project site and its location to be easily identified. Include street names, entrance site, marked trail and mile markers (use Google Maps).
* Site Development Plans.
* Written assurances/leases that confirm the project will be open for public use.
* If applicable, recent past cultural review letters or documents.

Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying

Persons submitting this form should refer to the regulations referenced below for complete instructions:

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions – The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titles, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. See below for language to be used; use this form for certification and sign; Certification Regarding Drug- Free Workplace Requirements-Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals) and Alternate II. (Grantees Who are Individuals) – (See Appendix C of Subpart D of 43 CFR Part 12)

Checking the boxes on this form and submitting it provides for compliance with certification requirements under 43 CFR Parts 12 and 18. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the funding agency determines to award the covered transaction, grant, cooperative agreement or loan.

PART A: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions

✔ CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
    1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
    2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
    3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
    4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default
2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Part B: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions

✔ CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Part C: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

✔ CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

1. The grantee certifies that it will or continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
    1. (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
    2. (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about-
        1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
        2. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
        3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
        4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
    3. (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
    4. (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
        1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
        2. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statue occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
    5. (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification numbers (s) of each affected grant;
    6. (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—
        1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
        2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
    7. (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) and (f).
2. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Address Line 1:	Leistikow Park Maintenance shop-trail entrance
Address Line 2:	721 West Fifth Street
City:	Grafton
State:	ND
Zip:	58237

✔ Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here

Part D: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

☐ CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

1. The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
2. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to the grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number (s) of each affected grant.

Part E: Certification Regarding Lobbying
Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative

☐ CHECK IF CERTIFICATION IS FOR THE AWARD OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AND THE AMOUNT EXCEEDS $100,000: A FEDERAL GRANT OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT; SUBCONTRACT, OR SUBGRANT UNDER THE GRANT OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

☐ CHECK IF CERTIFICATION IS FOR THE AWARD OF A FEDERAL LOAN EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF $150,000, OR A SUBGRANT OR SUBCONTRACT EXCEEDING $100,000, UNDER THE LOAN

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, load, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.

The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered unto. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to tile the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

As the authorized certifying official, I hereby certify that the above specified certifications are true and that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Bill Dahl	Director
Responsible Official's Signature	**Responsible Official's Title**
Grafton Parks and Recreation	1/25/16
Political Subdivision (Project Sponsor)	**Date**

Please submit one electronic copy by 1:00 P.M. CST on January 29, 2016 to:

Electronic Copy: Press to submit by e-mail

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Stankiewicz at 701-328-5364 or kstankiewicz@nd.gov

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