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: 01/15/2016

CONTACT INFORMATION

Project Sponsor: ND Parks and Recreation Department
(Must be political subdivision)
Project Name: Link to FF

Primary Contact

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County:	Cavalier

Alternate Contact

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County:	

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 Alternate Contact

If not, please fill out below.

Reimbursement Contact

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

Estimated Start Date: May 15, 2017 Estimated Completion Date: Oct 31, 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.

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

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

PROJECT LOCATION

Property Name:

Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area. The trail route for this project follows an existing snowmobile trail from County Highway 55 to the existing OHV trail system.

Physical Address:

County: Cavalier County

Legal Description:

Township: 163 Range: 57 Section: 19,20

Latitude (in decimal degrees): example: 46.785690 48.9194

Longitude (in decimal degrees): example: -100.622172 -98.0576

*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 3-4

☐ 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 3.6
☐ 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: ☐

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?

The land the trail currently exists on falls within a township right-of-way for a portion of the proposed trail. The remainder of the land is privately held by the Danielson family.

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: $137,000.00

Total grant amount requested: $110,000.00

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

If yes, briefly explain.

Partial funding would not allow the project to be completed and connect to the existing trail system.

BUDGET INFORMATION WORKSHEET

Total Project Cost	$137,000.00	
Total Grant Amount Requested	$110,000.00	
Cost Category	**Amount**	
Land, structures, rights-of-ways, etc.	$50,000.00	
Relocation expenses and payments		
Architectural and engineering fees		
Demolition and removal		
Construction	$70,000.00	
Equipment		
Materials	$10,000.00	
Miscellaneous	$7,000.00	
TOTAL	$137,000.00	
Matching Funds		
Source	**Amount**	**Description**
Cash Match	$27,000.00	OHV Fund
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	$27,000.00	

*** 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 Pembina Gorge SRA is relocating it's operation to the Frostfire Ski Area complex and will begin to offer visitor services such as ATV rentals, canoe/kayak rentals, etc. This trail project will connect the existing trail system in the PGSRA to the office/visitor contact point at the Frostfire location. A snowmobile trail currently exists from County Highway 55 to our trail system. This project would require drainage work to accommodate year-round trail use and a sustainable river crossing of the Little North Pembina River.

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

The goals of this project is to connect our visitor services location to the trail system to provide our users an uncomplicated experience at the Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area. The benefit of this project would potentially be to all user groups who visit the recreation area, including OHV users, hikers, mountain bikers, equestrian users. People utilizing our existing trailhead would have access to the visitor services center via a trail. People starting from the visitor services center could link up to the existing trail system without having to drive to a different location. This would provide our users with a much better experience.

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.

The cost associated with this project include drainage improvement, aggregate material for surfacing and creating a river crossing at the Little North Pembina River. Basing a cost for drainage work off of previous contracts, we are estimating $50,000 to complete the work on this section of trail. Portions of the trail will need surfacing and fill material to create sustainability and we are estimating $10,000 for material and $20,000 in machine/labor cost to bring the trail to the standards fit for the public. To create a river crossing, we are estimating $50,000 to purchase material and install a crossing. We have estimated $7,000 to install fencing and gates at areas necessary along the new trail route.

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.

In 2014, we developed the Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area Master Plan. With this plan, an extensive public survey was taken along with interviews with key stakeholders in the area to gather input as to what people want for this area. Additional multiuse trails as well as a visitor center were ranked very high and referenced often in survey. This project adds an additional 3+ miles of trail and access to a visitor center along the trail system.

The master plan can be seen in it's entirety at the following website: http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/information/department/attachments/pembina_gorge_master_plan.pdf

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.

The matching funds for this project will be provided by the ND Parks and Recreation Department.

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

The Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area is comprised of multiple RTP projects over the past 5 years. The trails have been designed, built and maintained well over the years as evidenced by the increasing popularity of the rec area and many of the great comments received in the master plan survey and reviews on our Facebook page.

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.

This trail project consists of enhancing an existing trail which has existed for many years but has been closed to the public outside of hunting season. It has previously been used as access to a ND Game and Fish WMA, private property, and in the winter months, a snowmobile trail. It has been patched over the years by the land owner just to get to their property, but drainage work hasn't been done for quite some time.

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?

This project would enhance the trail system that is already in place by adding miles and providing better access to more services provided by the NDPRD in the Pembina Gorge. As the system grows, it becomes more of a destination for people across the whole state of ND, southern Manitoba and western Minnesota. This project will help us expand the trail system to further our goal of turning the PGSRA into a destination for all trail users in and around our state.

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.

The environmental impacts are addressed in the design criteria set forth by the Master Plan for Trail Development in the Turtle Mountain and Pembina Gorge (http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/planning/trailplan.pdf). As impact effects vary from location to location, care will be taken to minimize adverse effects along the trail and the surrounding area. The natural resource division will inventory the trail corridor for sensitive plant communities and address any other natural resource issues in construction of the motorized trail.

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 impact of this trail system to the adjoining land owners has been overall a very positive change from the previous situation. We have had many land owners express their satisfaction with the operation and the decrease in activity on their private land surrounding the Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area. Concerns over the course of our time here have been largely with increased traffic on the township roads especially during planting and harvest seasons. We have increased our presence on those roads and increased our education efforts with the users to respect the shared use of the roads in our system and are currently working on a maintenance agreement to cover some of the costs incurred from the increased use. This project connects the Frostfire Ski Area to the existing trail system via an unused road through private lands. In conversation with the land owner, the concern with the trail running through their property was with off-trail travel. With this project, we will need to install fencing and gates at the areas where people could potentially get off the trails. With the improvement of the existing road/trail, the land owners would be better able to access their property.

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:	
Address Line 2:	
City:	
State:	
Zip:	

☐ 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:

Responsible Official's Signature	Pembina Gorge Project Manager **Responsible Official's Title**
ND Parks and Recreation Department **Political Subdivision (Project Sponsor)**	1/28/2015 **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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