

December 1, 2017



**Announcement
Recreational Trails Program Funding Cycle**

Start Date: December 1, 2017

Close Date: February 8, 2018

It is with pleasure the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks - Outdoor Recreation Grants Division (ORG) opens the Mississippi Recreational Trails Program 2018 Funding Cycle. The program provides 80/20 matching grants for recreational trails. The program funds non-motorized and motorized trails of diverse and single use.

For the current funding cycle, projects that provide for non-motorized uses, the minimum grant award will be \$8,000 and the maximum grant award will be \$120,000. Due to the limited number of motorized projects the maximum grant award depends on funds available.

The RTP package includes general program information and the application. Please read the general program information before making an application for funds. The application shall be received in this office no later than 4:00 pm, Thursday, February 8, 2018. With this letter, I encourage any city, county, state and/or federal agency, college/university, recreation district, or nonprofit conservation organization to apply for Recreational Trails Program funds.

After February 8, 2018 - submitted applications will be reviewed and scored by ORG Staff. ORG staff will meet with the RTP Advisory Committee for recommendations. Applicants of RTP Applications that are selected for advancement will be notified to acquire a Cultural Resource Assessment from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. RTP applications will be submitted to Federal Highway Administration for approval. The timeframe for the approval from Federal Highway Administration can vary. Once approval has been received, RTP applicants will be notified of the results.

The RTP Application and Guidelines may be downloaded from the MDWFP website: <https://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/outdoor-recreational-grants/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Outdoor Recreation Grants Division at (601) 432-2227 or email terrym@mdwfp.state.ms.us.

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