**RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) was created in 1998 and is funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. The Department of Economic and Community Affairs is the state agency responsible for administering the program in Alabama. The program provides grant assistance to state and federal agencies and local units of government for the acquisition and/or development/improvement of recreational trails and trail related resources.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

All applicants must be currently registered in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) with a unique Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. Prospective applicants may not have an open Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) or RTP grant when the applications are due. The applicants must have no unresolved compliance issues from a previous LWCF or RTP grant. Eligible applicants include local units of governments and state and federal agencies. Eligible projects include:

- Development of urban trail linkages (includes trail linkages to schools, parks, and existing trails)
- Maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails
- Provision of features which facilitate the access and use of trails by persons with disabilities.
- Acquisition of easements for recreational trails or recreational trails corridors
- Acquisition of fee simple title to property from a willing seller for trail development
- Construction of new recreational trails
- Assessment of trail conditions for accessibility and maintenance
- Development and dissemination of publications and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** TBD

Applications shall be submitted to:

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Electronic applications: latoya.edwards@adeca.alabama.gov

One copy of the application must be submitted by mail or e-mail to the addresses included above. Maps must be no larger than 11”x17”. Applications must be received by the Community and Economic Development Division no later than the time and date TBD.

**PROGRAM’S ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL FY 2022:** $1.75 M

The Federal share of the program is up to 80 % of total project costs up to the grant ceiling associated with the type of trail and/or trail related facility. The project sponsor must provide at least 20 % match in the form of State, local, or private sources, and may include volunteer labor and/or donated materials and/or services.

**APPLICATION TIMELINE**

Applications for funding are accepted Oct 2021 - Jan 2022. Applications are reviewed by the Recreation and Conservation Programs staff and the Alabama Recreational Trails Advisory Board within the Jan – Apr 2022 timeframe. Applications are then ranked based on evaluation criterion and site inspections. Recommended project applications are forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration for review and approval May - Jul 2022. Notification of awards Sep - Oct 2022.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

[https://adeca.alabama.gov/trails/](https://adeca.alabama.gov/trails/)