

FUNDING SOURCES FOR TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Funding Source	Agency/ Organization	Notes
Federal		
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	Funding from FHWA, administered by NC State Parks	Eligible Applicants: government agencies and non-profit organizations Eligible Projects: trail construction/maintenance; trail facilities Match: 25% (cash, in-kind and volunteer hours)
Land and Water Conservation Fund	NC State Parks	Eligible Applicants: State and local governments Eligible Projects: outdoor recreation and land acquisition Match: 50/50
NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance	National Park Service	Eligible Applicants: Project applicants may be state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, or citizen groups. National Parks and other Federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations. Eligible Projects: Technical assistance for projects demonstrating tangible conservation and recreational results in the near future. Assistance qualifies for in-kind match for many grants. Match:
Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD)	U.S. Department of Transportation	Eligible Applicants: State, local or tribal governments Eligible Projects: Transportation projects--historically 6% go to bike/ped projects. Applications require cost/benefit analysis. Min project size \$1M in rural areas and \$5M in urban areas Match: 20% nonfederal match, but can be less in Tier 2 and 3 counties
State		
Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)	NC State Parks/NCSU Recreation Resource Services	Eligible Applicants: local government Eligible Projects: Land acquisition and construction of parks and recreation projects, including trails Match: 50/50 (cash or land)
Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF)	Division of Land and Water Stewardship NC DNCR	Eligible Applicants: government agencies and NPO's Eligible Projects: land acquisition, stream restoration, planning, stormwater treatment technology Match: Strongly encouraged
Safe Routes to School Program	Integrated Mobility Division NC Department of Transportation	Eligible Applicants: local and regional entities Eligible Projects: Planning, development and implementation of projects that enable and encourage children to walk to school. Sidewalks, shared use paths and intersection improvements are all eligible. Match: 20% local match
Strategic Transportation Investments	North Department of Transportation	Eligible Applicants: Local governments Eligible Projects: Bicycle and pedestrian and public transportation facilities that appear in a state, regional or locally adopted transportation plan will be included in proposed roadway projects. Your first point of contact should be your Metropolitan or Rural Planning Organization (MPO/RPO) Match: 20% non-state funds
Private		
Made in North Carolina	Various private foundations	Eligible Applicants: Varies, but tends to include NPO's and government agencies Eligible Projects: Varies—several include specific counties and/or healthy outcomes Match: Varies
Duke Energy	Duke Energy Foundation	Eligible Applicants: NPO or governmental agency that serves an area served by Duke Power Eligible Projects: Conservation, access to nature, habitat and forest restoration and conservation Match:
Black Mtn Endowment	Community Foundation of Western North Carolina	Eligible Applicants: NPOs, governmental, educational and religious organizations serving Black Mountain and the Swannanoa Valley (Owen School District) Eligible Projects: The Fund's intent is to support innovative projects and programs in the Swannanoa Valley. Grants of \$2,500 to \$10,000 are made for charitable purposes, including programmatic needs, equipment and technology, and capital needs. At its discretion, the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund Advisory Board may also consider grant requests for greater or lesser amounts. Generally, requests for continued support for a grant funded in the prior year or for general operating support will be given a lower priority. Match: Varies

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McDowell County Endowment	Community Foundation of Western North Carolina	<p>Eligible Applicants: Grants are made to qualified 501(c)(3), governmental, educational, and religious organizations serving McDowell County.</p> <p>Eligible Projects: The McDowell Endowment provides grants between \$2,500 - \$5,000 for charitable purposes. At its discretion, The McDowell Endowment Advisory Board may also consider grant requests for greater or lesser amounts. Requests that exhibit the greatest community benefit will be given the highest consideration.</p> <p>Match: Varies</p>
Rutherford County Endowment	Community Foundation of Western North Carolina	<p>Eligible Applicants: Grants are made to qualified 501(c)(3), governmental, educational, and religious organizations serving Rutherford County.</p> <p>Eligible Projects: Grants of \$2,500 to \$10,000 will be made to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for charitable purposes, including programmatic and capital needs. Requests that exhibit the greatest community benefit (including requests addressing education; early childhood development; health and wellness; assisting people in need; arts, culture and natural resources; or the environment) will be given the highest consideration.</p> <p>Match: Varies</p>
Community Foundation of NC	Community Foundation of North Carolina	<p>Eligible Applicants: Grants are made to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations and public agencies serving the following 18 counties: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey and including the Qualla Boundary.</p> <p>Eligible Projects: Varies — see website for details</p> <p>Match: Varies</p>
Golden Leaf		<p>Eligible Applicants: NPOs and governmental agencies</p> <p>Eligible Projects: Grants in this program are not expected to exceed \$200,000. Since requests are likely to far exceed funds available, the Foundation will be looking for projects in the following focus areas of Economic Investment and Job Creation, Workforce Preparedness and Education, Agriculture, and Community Vitality.</p> <p>Match:</p>
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc	<p>Eligible Applicants: Must be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and not classified as a private foundation.</p> <p>Eligible Projects: Projects strengthen communities by investing in affordable housing, revitalization, the arts, and the environment.</p> <p>Match:</p>
Z Smith Reynolds	Z Smith Reynolds Foundation	<p>Eligible Applicants: charitable, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations, colleges/universities, religious entities and government units.</p> <p>Eligible Projects: The Collaborative Problem-Solving approach is intended to support a limited number of community proposals that use inclusive, collaborative and resourceful processes to authentically engage the community to tackle challenges and create solutions. In particular, we seek to fund efforts that work across sectors (public, private, nonprofit) and/or geographic lines (municipal, county, etc.), are built on existing community assets, use a racial equity lens, and/or bring people together across identity or ideology.</p> <p>Match:</p>

Please contact the state trails program if you have any questions about state trails.



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