

ASK DPR Facilitated Roundtable

Great Trails State Program (12.5 million for 2024 - paved or natural, paddle, equestrian)

4 Categories for Funding

-Planning & Feasibility

-Acquisition

-Maintenance

-Construction

3-year contract (similar to PARTF)

Notification of Funding March 1, 2024

Applications Due Sept. 3, 2024

Grants awarded Dec/Jan

Projects must be single site or linear & contiguous

Match: 25% smaller budgets, 50% larger budgets

In-kind services being considered for match – to be determined prior to March 1 NOFO

\$500,000 max grant

Applications ranked by staff

Awards elected by Secretary of DNCR

Factors Considered: readiness, sustainable design, impact, partners and community support, maintenance plan

Accessible Parks (12.5 million for 2024)

Funds the construction of special facilities or adaption of existing facilities that meet the unique needs of people with disabilities

Grant is more about support facilities, storytelling, impact for your programs

Points based on moving recreation facilities from no/low access to maximum access

Consider ADA Transition Plans or ADA Checklists for planning purposes

Match: 20%

\$500,000 max grant

Concept to Construction: Navigating Your Next Big Project

Lessons Learned

Doing your due diligence at the beginning

Quality, Cost, Time – Pick 2, Can't have 3

Attain a strong project manager

Collect trip tickets to verify/manage construction costs

Estimated Project Costs – find the hidden costs

Develop relationship with local governing official (code enforcement, public services, etc.)

Develop relationship with local utility providers