



Benefits of Sidewalk & Trail Infrastructure



The built environment plays a vital role in community life by increasing connectivity and providing pedestrians access to public spaces.



Economic Benefits

- Placemaking & quality of life initiatives that attract & retain employers & employees are increasingly common economic development strategies (2)
- Biking & walking improvements increase retail sales & property values (2)
- Property values are higher and more stable where people can easily bike & walk (2)



Environmental Benefits

- Active transportation decreases usage & dependency on motor vehicles(4)
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions & air pollution (4)
- Reduces storm water & mitigates flooding (4)
- Promoting pedestrian & bike infrastructure integrates green infrastructure (4)
- Co-benefits include urban heat island, stormwater & flood mitigation improvements (4)



Health Benefits

- People who live in neighborhoods with sidewalks are more likely to be active at least 39 minutes a day (1)
- Walking is a generally safe activity for most people (3)
- Physical activity reduces risk of depression & anxiety (3)
- Physical activity reduces risk of type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome & some cancers (3)
- Physical activity strengthens bones & muscles (3)
- Physical activity improves quality of sleep (3)



Equity Benefits

- Enhancing nonmotorized transportation strengthens neighborhood ties, improves access to health care service, and lowers health care costs (5)
- 24% of Americans living in poverty do not own a vehicle (5)
- Immigrants and those with language barriers are more likely to travel by bicycle (5)
- As people age, they increasingly depend on transit as primary transportation (5)

Sources:

- (1) AARP Livable Communities (2014) (2) Bicycling & Walking in the United States: 2018 Benchmarking Report (2018)
(3) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2020) (4) Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (2020)
(5) Pursuing Equity in Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning (2016)

Grant Programs



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Boating Access Grants

Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Grants

CO-OP Grants

Local Parks Grants

Recreational Trails Grants



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TPWD administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. The reimbursable grants can be up to 80% of project cost with a maximum of \$300,000 for non-motorized trail grants and a maximum award of \$600,000 for motorized (off-highway vehicle) trail grants (call 512-538-4427 for more information regarding potential motorized trail grants).

Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors.

Grant Deadlines



Grant Program	Grant Ceiling	Annual Deadline
Boating Access	\$500,000	TBD
Boating Infrastructure	Competitive	TBD
Boat Sewage Pump-out	Competitive	December 31
Community Outdoor Outreach Program	\$60,000	November 1
Local Parks Urban Outdoor Recreation	\$1.5 million	August 1
Local Parks Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation	\$750,000	August 1
Local Parks Small Community Recreation	\$150,000	August 1
Local Parks Urban Indoor Recreation	\$1.5 million	TBD
Local Parks Non-Urban Indoor Recreation	\$1 million	TBD
Recreational Trails	\$300,000	February 1
Target Range Program	Competitive	TBD

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreation Grants Access

Accessing the Recreation Grants Online Grant Management System - RGO 2020

If you wish to apply for one of our currently available grant opportunities, or manage your awarded Recreation Grants project(s), you will need to use **RGO 2020**, our online Grant Management System.

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