

# The Trail Stewardship Grant Program



*Accessing trail funding for you community*

# Trail Stewardship Program (TSP) Overview

- TSP was created with the passing of Senate Bill 24 in 2019
- A state funded grant program that supports motorized and non-motorized trail improvement projects
- Since 2021, TSP has awarded approximately \$3.6 million to 104 projects across Montana



# Project Eligibility

## Eligible Organizations:

- Local governments
- Tribal governments
- School districts
- Recreational clubs/organizations
- 501(c)(3) non-profits

## Eligible Projects:

- Rehabilitation and maintenance projects
- New trail and path construction
- Trailside and trailhead facilities construction



# Award & Match Requirements

## Award Amount

- Maximum: \$75,000.00
- Up to 7% for administrative costs

## Match Requirement

- 10% of total project cost
  - In-kind labor/materials
  - Cash



# Application Details

## 2024 Application Period

- November 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024
- Application Online at [funding.mt.gov](https://funding.mt.gov)

## Application Outline

- Project Overview & Location
- Project Benefits
- Project Implementation Plan
- TSP Project Budget



# Example Project

## City of Fort Benton

### *Levee Trail Improvement Project*



**LEVEE TRAIL UPGRADE** – A roller from the Century road crew out of Lewistown smooths fresh pavement on the levee trail in Fort Benton last Thursday. The new pavement stretches from the walking bridge and down past the boat launch and was funded through a \$75,000 grant from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Trail Stewardship Program. Portions of the trail were also widened.

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# Thank You!

