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Grants Available for Recreational Trails

(Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) is accepting grant applications for the Recreational Trails Program for fiscal year 2025. Approximately \$2.2 million is available for eligible Alaska projects. The Recreational Trails grant program provides up to 90% matching for the cost of a project.

Funding for the program comes from the Federal Highway Administration, which has awarded Alaska \$22 million (requiring \$6 million in matching funds) for 571 projects since 1993. Alaska's available apportionment is typically between \$1 million and \$1.5 million each year.

"The Recreational Trails Program is a primary source for outdoor recreation trails in Alaska, providing safe and accessible opportunities for Alaskans and visitors to our Great State," said **Ricky Gease, Director of the Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation**. "Grant categories include motorized, non-motorized, and diversified (winter and summer) projects."

The maximum individual grant award amounts for FY2025:

- \$300,000 for Motorized/Motorized diversified projects
- \$200,000 for Non-motorized/ Non-motorized diversified projects

Recreational Trails Program applications are due by Oct. 31, 2024. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, educational institutions, State of Alaska, local and federal government entities, native corporations and tribal governments. Interested parties can <u>register on IRIS</u>. The grants will be awarded between March and May of 2025. More information is available here: http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm.

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