

## **FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE**

A number of opportunities exist for funding at the Federal, State and Local levels as well as with private funding. This document outlines a number funding sources that may be available to help in the design and construction stages of the proposed Grand History Trail between Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and the Maryland State Border.

### **State and Federal Funding:**

#### ***USDOT BUILD Transportation Fund***

BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) Transportation grants replace the pre-existing Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. As the Administration looks to enhance America's infrastructure, FY 2018 BUILD Transportation grants are for investments in surface transportation infrastructure and are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. BUILD funding can support trails, as well as roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation.

For projects located in rural areas, the minimum award is \$1 million. The maximum award for all projects is \$25 million. For projects located in urban areas, the minimum award is \$5 million. Please note that the minimum total project cost for a project located in an urban area must be \$6.25 million to meet match requirements. Not more than \$150 million can be awarded to a single State.

The most recent deadline to submit an application for the FY 2019 BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants program was July 15, 2019 for FY2019.

Additional Information: <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants>

#### ***DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Grant***

Administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) - Bureau of Recreation and Conservation the C2P2 program has been authorized to foster and facilitate conservation and recreation-focused projects and programs in the state

C2P2 grants are awarded to municipalities and authorized nonprofit organizations for recreation, park and conservation projects. These include the rehabilitation and new development of parks and recreation facilities (development projects); acquisition of land for active or passive park and conservation purposes (acquisition projects); and planning for feasibility studies, trails studies, conservation plans, site development planning, and comprehensive recreation, greenway and open space planning .

Most projects require a 50% match. The next round of C2P2 Grants have an application deadline of April 22 of 2020.

Additional Information: <http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>

#### ***PaDCEM Multimodal Fund***

The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Businesses, Economic Development Organizations, Public Transportation Agencies, and Ports-Rail/Freight.

Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets

and transit-oriented development. Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more, but shall not exceed \$3,000,000 for any project.

The application deadline for the program is July 31st of each calendar year. Normally a match of 30% is required.

Additional Information: [https://dced.pa.gov/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund/#.WH5k3Fyo\\_sY](https://dced.pa.gov/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund/#.WH5k3Fyo_sY)

### ***DCED's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant***

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects using the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP).

Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, and For-Profit Businesses with projects which involve development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails and river conservation may apply for grants up to \$250,000 for any project. A 15% local match of the total project cost is required.

The next application deadline for the program is May 31, 2020.

Additional Information: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm>

Additional Information: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/greenways-trails-and-recreation-program-gtrp/>

### ***National Park Service – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program***

The National Park Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program offers technical assistance to communities for trails and greenway planning. 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.

The next Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program application deadline is June 30, 2020.

### **Regional and Local Funding:**

#### ***Adams County Park, Recreation, and Green Space Grant Program***

The purpose of the Adams County Parks, Recreation, and Green Space Grant Program is to provide funding for the preservation of agricultural lands, open space, park lands, historic and cultural resources, and the development of recreation and trail projects. The program guidelines have been revised to accommodate Act 13 funding allocations.

Generally, the maximum Grant award for a Park and recreation project will be \$25,000, however exceptions may be granted by the ACC upon recommendation by the Committee and based upon the availability of funds and the benefit of the proposed project. The match required for an easement acquisition on lands for trails projects is 70% for a single applicant and 60% for multiple applicants. New Park and Recreation Facilities or trail development requires a match of 50% and Park or Trail Design and Development requires a match of 70%.

The most recent deadline to submit an application for the Parks, Recreation, and Green Space Grant Program was September 3, 2019.

Additional Information: <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning/Pages/Act13.aspx>

### ***Adams County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program***

Adams County Office of Planning and Development administers CDBG funding received by Adams County. Funds may be used toward projects providing housing rehabilitation, public services, community facilities, improvements to infrastructure, development and planning.

This competitive program has a minimum request of \$100,000 and has no ceiling limit. Seventy percent of each entitlement grant must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

*Additional Information:* <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/community-development-block-grant-cdbg/>

### **Foundation Grants and Other Private Funding:**

Numerous large community, family, and corporate foundations make grants to greenway and trail groups. Copies of directories of foundations can be found in local libraries. The directories provide information on each foundation's grantmaking history and philosophy. One of the most well-known directories is Environmental Grantmaking Foundations, published annually by Resources for Global Sustainability, Inc., which maintains a database of over 47,000 grant programs that can be searched by keywords to determine the foundations serving a particular area and type of project. Foundations can also be located by searching the internet. Other resources for grant information include economic development agencies and trust officers at local banks, who manage small family foundations and charitable trusts.

### ***America Walks – Community Change Micro Grants***

Supports smaller-scale, low-cost projects that increase the prevalence of walking, expand the diversity of people and organizations walking to advance walkability, and help to make walking safer, easier, and more fun for all community members.

Grants are provided up to \$1,500.

### ***AETNA – Cultivating Healthy Communities Grant Program***

The Cultivating Healthy Communities Grant Program support projects that address issues in the following domains: Built Environment, Community Safety, Environmental Exposures, Healthy Behaviors, and Social/Economic Factors. This is eligible for non-profits with an annual operating budget over \$250,000.

Grants are in the range of \$50,000-\$100,000. The most recent deadline to submit an application for the Cultivating Healthy Communities Grant Program was April 18, 2018.

*Additional Information:* <https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/grants/cultivating-healthy-communities-rfp.html>

### ***Kodak America Greenways Grant***

The Kodak American Greenways Awards Program, a partnership project of the Eastman Kodak Company, the Conservation Fund and the National Geographic Society, provides small grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to groups and individuals planning and designing greenways throughout the United States. Grants can be used to cover planning, technical assistance, legal or other costs associated with greenway projects. Grants may not be used for academic research, general institutional support, lobbying, or political activities.

The deadline for submitting applications is June 1 of each calendar year.

Additional Information: <http://www.conservationfund.org>

### ***PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program***

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program provides funding to non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development, from city or county agencies or departments, and from state or federal agencies working locally. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle initiatives.

Grants are funded up to \$10,000 and although a match is not required, they are recommended. Applications are accepted in both the spring and fall of each year. The Spring 2020 Grant Cycle application letter of interest is due January 17, 2020 with applications due April 3, 2020. The Fall 2020 Grant Cycle application letter of interest is due July 24, 2020 with applications due October 16, 2020.

Additional Information: <http://www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/grant-guidelines>

### ***Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF)***

Founded in 1957, the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) has a long and proud history of contributing to grassroots community projects. LCEF awards more than \$3 million annually to diverse organizations and schools across the United States where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers. The Foundation's primary philanthropic focus areas include K-12 public schools and non-profit community-based organizations.

Additionally, Lowe's is a proud supporter of Habitat for Humanity International, American Red Cross, United Way of America, and the Home Safety Council, and numerous other non-profit organizations and programs that help communities across the country. Lowe's also encourages volunteerism through the Lowe's Heroes program, a company-wide employee volunteer initiative.

Additional Information: [https://www.cybergrants.com/lowes/start\\_app.html](https://www.cybergrants.com/lowes/start_app.html)

### ***Recreational Equipment, Incorporated (REI) Conservation and Recreation Grants***

REI awards conservation grants to organizations for the protection and enhancement of natural resources for use in outdoor recreation. Small grants of up to \$5,000 are offered to accomplish the following:

- Preservation of wildlands and open space
- Advocacy oriented education for the general public about conservation issues
- Building the membership base of a conservation organization
- Direct citizen action campaigns on public land and water recreation issues
- Projects working to organize a trails constituency or to enhance the effectiveness of a trails organization's work as a trail advocate at the state or local level

In addition to preserving and protecting the environment, REI also encourages people to get outdoors for recreation. Outdoor recreation grants support projects that do the following:

- Increase access to outdoor activities
- Encourage involvement in muscle-powered recreation
- Promote safe participation in outdoor muscle-powered recreation and proper care for outdoor resources

Additional Information: <https://www.rei.com/stewardship/core-practices>

***Surdna Foundation***

The Surdna Foundation is a national leader in funding greenway efforts and has funded the Florida Statewide Greenways Program. Surdna supports government, private and volunteer actions that produce a sustainable environment. They encourage the restoration of suburban and urban environments by public and community involvement in education, planning for and advocating environmental appreciation. One area of focus is alternative transportation, particularly reducing vehicle miles traveled and maximizing accessibility over mobility.

Additional Information: <http://www.surdna.org/what-we-fund/funding-overview.html>