

RTP PROJECT EVALUATION INSTRUMENT

FY 2011

Applicant	Type	Grant Amt. Requested
	Application Type:	Grant Match
Trail Length (L.F.)	Trail Width:	Trail Surface:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

ENTER THE NUMBER OF POINTS YOU ASSIGN TO EACH CRITERION IN THE MARGIN AT THE RIGHT OF EACH SECTION. SCORE EACH CRITERION NO LESS THAN 0 AND NO MORE THAN 10 POINTS.

<p>1. Describe the degree to which the project's scope and feasibility meet the project area's recreational needs. <i>Key Consideration: Does the project appear to be feasible and incorporate a good project design with consideration given to the natural and cultural environment in which the project is located, and appropriate consideration given to needs and benefits?</i></p>	
<p>2. Describe the ways in which the project provides for the greatest number of compatible recreational purposes. <i>Key Consideration: An important concern is that this project will enhance the quality and quantity of recreational trail opportunities available in the community or region. MAXIMUM POINTS FOR CONNECTIVITY WITH OTHER TRAILS OR PARKS, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND PRESERVATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES</i></p>	
<p>3. Describe the ways in which the project provides a new, unique or more effective means for making trail opportunities available to the public. <i>Key consideration: This criterion includes projects of national, regional, and local demonstration value. The most important concern is whether the grant recipient is committed to trying out an idea that is really new at the local level. Additional points are awarded for the extent to which the demonstration may be of nationwide, statewide or regional value. The applicant must commit to documenting the results of the demonstration.</i></p>	
<p>4. Describe the ways in which the project facilitates the access and use of trails by persons with disabilities, older citizens, economically disadvantaged and other special populations or groups. <i>Key Consideration: Whether this project will expand recreation opportunities for special populations with recreation deficiencies.</i></p>	
<p>5. Describe the ways in which the project creates opportunities for new partnerships between trail users, private interests, and public agencies within the project area. <i>Key Consideration : The major concern is that this project is a component of an integrated effort to enhance economic revitalization and community conservation. MAXIMUM POINTS FOR EVIDENCE OF COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH TRAIL USER GROUPS, AND INTERESTED CITIZENS, AND/OR MULTIPLE PUBLIC MEETINGS.</i></p>	

<p>6. Describe the ways in which the project uses the grant funds to leverage other public or private investments (in the form of services and materials, as well as dollars.) <i>Key Consideration: The major concern is whether actual leveraging is assured or the potential for leveraging is good, outside of any funds committed for the initial grant match. MAXIMUM POINTS FOR 100% OR HIGHER OTHER MATCHING FUNDS.</i></p>	
<p>7. The degree to which community involvement is addressed: i.e., (A) Project idea originated with trail users or a community group that has substantial knowledge, and (B) The private sector (including individual citizens, community groups or local business enterprises) has participated in the development of the proposed idea and has made commitments of labor, money or materials to support proposed implementation. <i>Key Consideration: The objective is to determine if the project is responding to citizen-identified needs. The priority of the project to users is evidenced by citizen support for the idea. Extra points are given if idea was originally proposed at the grassroots level and, especially, for extensive citizen or private organization involvement in project development and support in project implementation. MAXIMUM POINTS FOR HEAVY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION FROM CITIZENS AND INTEREST GROUPS DURING ALL PHASES OF APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT AND COMMITMENTS BEYOND.</i></p>	
<p>8. Describe the degree of commitment to continue operation and maintenance of the project. Include an operation and maintenance plan detailing the amount of money needed to operate and maintain the trail after it is completed and identify who will be responsible for the work. <i>Key Consideration: Whether the grant recipient is willing to commit to continue the maintenance and operation of the project and whether the applicant provides a realistic operation and maintenance plan/budget. Extra points are awarded for innovative funding measures for trail maintenance.</i></p>	
<p>9. Identify and describe the service area of the project. Approximately how many people do you propose to serve with this project? Identify other trail resources in the service area by trail type (motorized, non-motorized, multiuse), distance, location in relation to the proposed trail, and ownership. <i>Key Consideration: The RTP program was created to address trail needs in the urban and rural areas of the state. In order to assess the need for additional trails it is first necessary to identify quantity and location of the existing resources within the service area. It is also necessary to establish a service area – either population or resource based. For example, a population based service area could be a neighborhood, school district, or political jurisdiction whereas, a resource based service area might be defined along a linear greenway, water course, or unique natural/cultural area. However, in both instances, an estimate of the number of beneficiaries should be provided.</i></p>	
<p>10. Describe how the trail will be managed. Include discussion on season length, hours of operation, limitation on use, enforcement provisions, and scheduling.</p>	