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Maine Trails Program Round Two



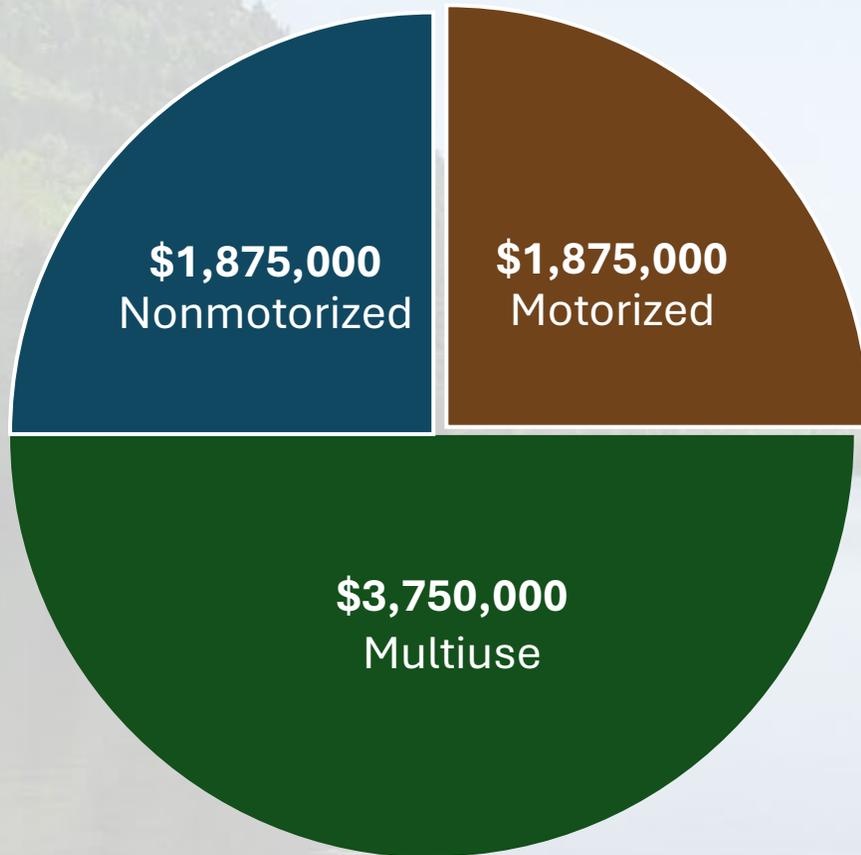
Maine Trails Program

Reimbursable grant with **\$30 million** for trail renovation, development, and land acquisition



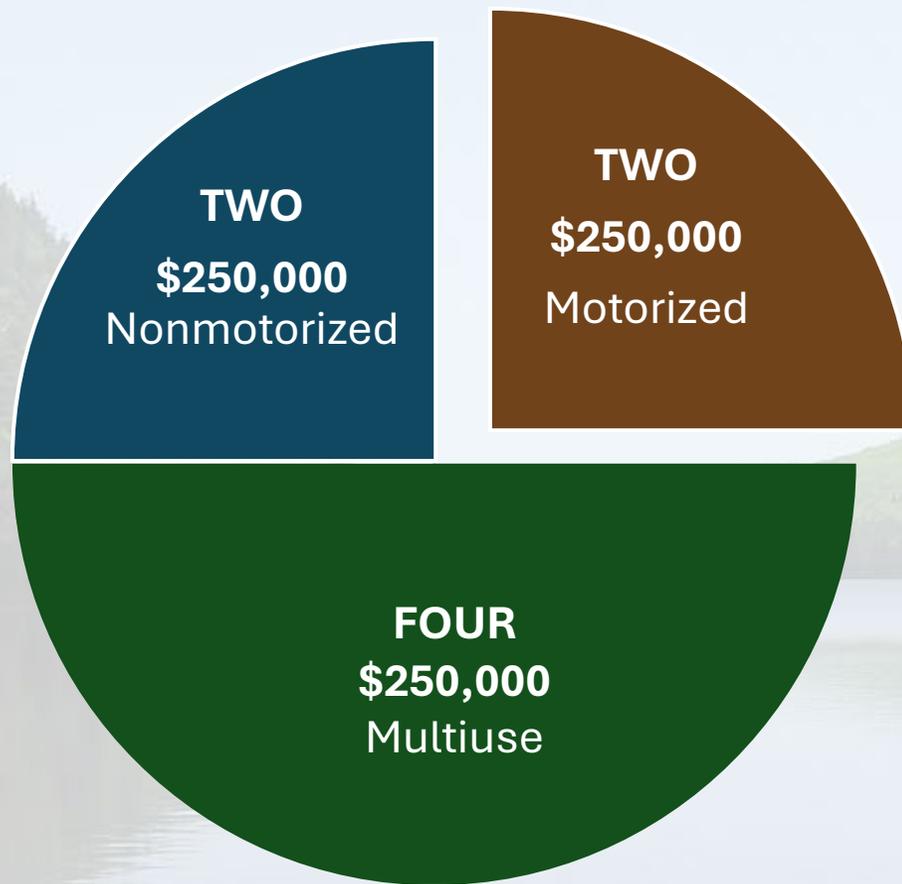
Roll over funding – up to ten years

\$7,500,000 Per Year



- Funds up to 90%
- 10% match
- Reimbursement based program
 - Optional 25% advance
- Project periods typically extend one to two construction seasons

Maximum Award Amount: \$250,000



All other awards limited to \$150,000



Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities
- Non-profit organizations
 - Land trusts
 - ATV clubs
 - Snowmobile clubs
 - Other nonprofits

Eligible Projects

- Development and renovation of trails, trailheads, trailside amenities and support facilities
- River trail put ins and take outs
- Upgrading trails by incorporating Universal Access Design standards
- Acquisition of lands or easements for trail development

Ineligible Projects

- Routine maintenance
- Roads*, sidewalks*, park infrastructure, landscaping
- Outdoor Recreation Access Routes (park paths)
- Work within a public right of way (bike lanes or other on-road amenities)
- Funding staff, unless directly managing an MTP project in the field
- Feasibility studies
- Law enforcement
- Condemnation of land
- Purchase of large equipment (snow groomers, excavators, etc.)

Required Materials

- Grant Application
- Budget Worksheet
- Land Control and Tenure or Use Permit
- Environmental Project Review
 - Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
 - Maine Natural Areas Program
 - Maine Historic Preservation Commission
- Project Maps
 - Vicinity Map
 - Site Location and Connection Map
- CEO/LUPC letter and permits
- Optional Supporting Documentation
 - **Letters of support** from the community
 - Design/manage/build experience (e.g., resume, CV, examples of past projects)
 - Additional maps, photographs, and diagrams

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed

Environmental Project Reviews

MIF&W and MNAP

- Cover letter
- Scope of work
 - ground disturbance
 - approximate dates of construction
 - and list any heavy machinery or loud equipment use
 - how the trail will be used
 - the trail surface (natural, gravel, stone dust, etc.)
 - if any trees need to be removed and to what extent
 - the trail length and width and if its being rerouted
 - if any herbicides or pesticides will be used and what kind
- Map
 - clearly showing the boundaries of the project, and the location of the project within the state. GIS shapefile or KMZ file preferred.

MHPC

- Cover letter
 - Permits need
 - Federal monies involved
- Photos
 - River, stream, or shorelines
 - Stone walls,
 - Bridges
 - Any structures impacted
 - Buildings over 50 years of age
- Map USGS topographic quad map with the project corridor, or project sites along the corridor, clearly and accurately located.

Maine Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee

Regular Members

Name	Term Ends 12/31 of	Trail Interest Representation	Organization
John Raymond	2026	ATV trails	ATV Maine
Tom Gorrill	2026	Back country trails	Maine Appalachian Trail Club
Deborah Bowker	2026	Mountain Bike Trails	Carrabasset Valley Recreation Department
Robin Kerr	2026	Municipal Trails	Maine Recreation and Parks Association
Dan Bassett	2026	Paved Bicycling Trails	Bicycle Coalition of Maine
Matt Polstein	2027	At Large - Central Me	New England Outdoor Center
Dan Baumert	2027	Nordic Ski Trails	Maine Nordic Interests
Mike Grass Jr.	2027	Snowmobile Trails	Maine Snowmobile Association
Brian Macaurelle	2027	Water Trails	Maine Island Trails Association
Gary Marquis	2028	At Large - Aroostook County	City of Caribou
Carrie Kinne	2028	At Large	Freeport Conservation Land Trust
Leigh Hallett	2028	Interurban Multi-Use Trails	Maine Trail Coalition
Gabe Perkins	2028	Non Govt Org Trails	Inland Woods and Trails
Erin Amadon	2028	Professional Trail Builders Association	Town4Trail

Ex-Officio Members

Name	Trail Interest Representation
Taylor Deely	Maine Conservation Corps
Matt Foster	Off Road Vehicle
Niki Lazure	Outdoor Recreation Specialist
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Enock Glidden	Accessibility
Jeff McCabe	Maine Office of Outdoor Recreation
Dakota Hewlett	Bike/Ped Program Manager
Emily Brown	RTP Specialist
Adam Fisher	MTP Program Manager
Doug Beck	State Trail Administrator

Resources (*on website*)

- Application Checklist
- Program Guidance Document
- Budget Worksheet
- Scoring Rubric
- FAQs
- Example Applications (*coming soon*)
- Example project review requests (*coming soon*)



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Application Timeline



- Workshops: Through March
- Application deadline: **June 26, 2026**
- Start environmental project reviews NOW
- *Anticipated* notice of awards: early September

Questions?

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