

**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) AND  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)  
APPLICATION WEBINAR Q & A  
APRIL 1, 2021**

**Question:**

Our City Council passed a resolution to apply for the same project last year. Can the resolution submitted with the application be a year old?

**Answer:**

We recommend having an updated resolution passed for this year's application cycle. Local priorities can change year-to-year and a new resolutions shows that the current local administration is on board with the proposed project.

**Question:**

Does the maintenance statement provided in the resolution cover what is needed from the sponsor to meet the required maintenance statement?

**Answer:**

A separate maintenance statement is required for all applications. This statement should describe how long-term maintenance will be accomplished after project completion.

**Question:**

Is the construction of a pedestrian bridge an eligible Recreational Trails Program project?

**Answer:**

Yes.

**Question:**

Can a walking trail be less than ten feet wide?

**Answer:**

A trail that is less than ten feet wide is acceptable if meant solely for pedestrians. To meet existing safety and design guidelines, multiple-use trails allowing access to other user groups must be at least 10 feet wide. Such facilities can be as narrow as 8 feet in width when other group's usage is expected to be low. Proposing a width of less than 10 feet must be carefully justified.

**Question:**

Are lighting/benches/wayfinding signage to benefit a trail eligible items?

**Answer:**

These items would be eligible through either program. The primary goal of the RTP in Arkansas is to construct new trails or repair damage to existing trails due to overuse. Trail amenities (benches, lighting, information kiosks, signing, brochures, etc.) have previously been given a lesser priority by the RTP Advisory Committee.

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**Question:**

Where can we access the LPA Manual?

**Answer:**

The LPA Manual can be found at [www.ardot.gov/LPA](http://www.ardot.gov/LPA).

**Question:**

Are these funds available for playground equipment for a city park?

**Answer:**

Playground equipment is not eligible for funding through either program.

**Question:**

Is our entity eligible to apply?

**Answer:**

If you are unsure whether or not your agency or group is eligible to apply directly for funding, please contact our office to discuss at (501) 569-2481 or [LFPA@ardot.gov](mailto:LFPA@ardot.gov).

**Question:**

I am a graduate student who will be writing a grant. Is there anything specific that would be useful?

**Answer:**

General program information can be found on our program webpages at [www.ardot.gov/tap](http://www.ardot.gov/tap) and [www.ardot.gov/recreational\\_trails](http://www.ardot.gov/recreational_trails). If you have specific questions while filling out the grant application, please contact our office to discuss at (501) 569-2481 or [LFPA@ardot.gov](mailto:LFPA@ardot.gov).