

TAP & RTP

Transportation Alternatives Program Recreational Trails Program



OVERVIEW

The **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** is a reimbursable grant program that provides Federal-aid funding to Local Public Agencies (LPAs) for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives. Typically, these projects include sidewalks, shared-use paths, trails, pedestrian crossings, pedestrian lighting, streetscaping, and/or historic bridge rehabilitation.

The **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** is a reimbursable grant program that provides Federal-aid funding to LPAs to construct and maintain motorized and non-motorized recreational trails and trail support facilities.

GUIDELINES

ARDOT holds a competitive application cycle each year for eligible phases of projects.

Eligible Sponsors:

- Local Governments (City, County, etc.)
- Transit Agencies
- Natural Resource or Public Land Agencies
- Schools and School Districts
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)
- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Organizations

Eligible Phases:

- Preliminary Engineering (Design)
- Environmental Review
- Right of Way Acquisition
- Utility Relocation
- Construction
- Construction Inspection

LPAs may be permitted to use ARDOT's On-Call Consultant services for non-construction phases that have been awarded Federal-aid funding.

A minimum 20% local (non-Federal) match **will be required** from the LPA. Use of in-kind match may be permitted for eligible RTP projects. Local match for other projects must be in the form of cash.

An administrative fee in the amount of 1% of the Federal-aid Funding Award will be required from all LPAs, except on eligible RTP projects when a non-profit sponsor is utilizing in-kind match.

Photo: Razorback Regional Greenway

ARDOT HAS AWARDED OVER

350

TAP PROJECTS AND

120

RTP PROJECTS
SINCE 2015

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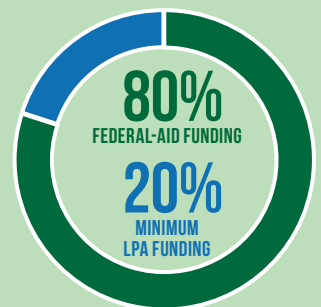
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ELIGIBLE TAP PROJECTS

- On-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation
- Infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users
- Turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas
- Community improvement activities, such as streetscaping and historic bridge rehabilitation
- Environmental mitigation activities, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities, and mitigation to address stormwater management related to highways or to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality
- Conversion of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways into boulevards
- Safety Assessments for Vulnerable Road Users, which can be pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users, and scooter riders, who are at higher risk of injury in collisions with vehicles
- Micromobility facilities and share programs. Micromobility refers to a range of small, lightweight vehicles operating at speeds typically below 15 mph and driven by single users. Devices include bicycles, e-bikes, electric scooters, and electric pedal assisted bicycles
- Non-infrastructure Pedestrian/Trail Master Plans
- RTP and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) eligible activities

ELIGIBLE RTP PROJECTS

- Construction of new recreational trails
- Maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails
- Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection, as those objectives relate to the use of recreational trails

