

Redwood Pathways Strategy:

AN ACTION PLAN FOR TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

CHAPTER 8. FUNDING SOURCES



POTENTIAL TRAIL FUNDING

Bicycle Transportation Account (Caltrans Bicycle Facilities Unit)

This program provides grant funds for new bike paths, bike lanes and bike routes, traffic control devices, planning, safety, education, and maintenance of bike facilities. These funds are available to cities or counties in California, and may apply to on-road sections of the proposed project, as well as safety improvements, bicycle parking facilities, and educational materials. These funds have successfully been awarded locally. Application Deadlines are typically June 1st and December 1st. Contact:

[Ken McGuire](#) at (916) 653-2750 or [David Priebe](#) at (916) 653-0036.

California Department of Transportation
1120 N Street; M.S. #1, Sacramento, CA 95814
www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/bta.htm

Recreational Trails Program

This program is administered through the State of California, Resources Agency by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The program provides funding up to 80% for recreational trails and trails-related projects and has funding available for both motorized and non-motorized trails. Funding is available to cities, counties, districts, state agencies, and non-profit organizations that have management responsibilities over public lands. Funding cycle is generally due on October 1st. For non-motorized projects, contact:

California State Parks
Office of Grants and Local Services
P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001
Phone: (916) 653-7423
Fax: (916) 653-6511
E-mail: localservices@parks.ca.gov
www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=21362

California Habitat Conservation Fund

Also administered by State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, this program provides up to 50% of the required funding for wildlife corridors and trails; riparian habitat; habitat for rare and endangered, threatened, or fully protected species; or aquatic habitat for spawning and rearing of anadromous salmonids. Only local units of government are eligible. Will allow up to 20% of awarded funds to cover planning and project administration. Funding cycle is generally due on October 1st. Contact:

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Grants Local Services
P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, California 94296-0001
Phone: (916) 653-7423
Fax: (916) 653-6511
E-mail: localservices@parks.ca.gov
www.cal-parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=21361

California Land and Water Conservation Fund

This is another program administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, which has committed a certain portion of the fund to the development of outdoor recreation. Only local units of government; recreation and park districts; and special districts with authority to acquire, develop, operate, and maintain public park and recreation areas are eligible to apply. The program offers reimbursement of up to 50% of the project cost once the project is completed. Funding cycle is generally due on May 1st. Contact:

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Grants Local Services
P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, California 94296-0001
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E-mail: localservices@parks.ca.gov
www.cal-parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=21360

Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

This program funds transportation and money from this program goes to fund streets, road maintenance, local bus service, etc. Although highly competitive, it is possible to get *transportation related* bicycle and trail projects funded. Only municipalities are eligible. These funds have successfully been used for trail planning locally—including this study. Funding is appropriated annually. For in depth information, contact:

Spencer Clifton, Executive Director
Humboldt County Association of Governments
235 Fourth Street, Suite F, Eureka, CA 95501
Phone: (707) 444-8208
Fax: (707) 444-8319
E-mail: hcaog@pacbell.net
www.hcaog.net/indexmain.htm

Environmental License Plate Funds (Whale Tail Grants Program)

These funds are competitive grants of up to \$50,000 administered by the California Resource Department. Projects must fall into one of three categories: adopt-a-beach programs, youth programs, or programs for the general public. Applicants must be either non-profit organizations or government agencies. There are no stated requirements and no matching requirements. Deadline is November 15, (possibly yearly). Contact:

Whale Tail Grants Program
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000, San Francisco, CA 94105
Phone: 1-800-262-7848
E-mail: COAST4U@coastal.ca.gov
www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/plate/plgrant.html

American Hiking Society's National Trails Endowment

Grants will normally be awarded to trail organizations and other non-profits with a trail related focus. Grants range from \$1,000 - 10,000. They provide grants for seed money for new trails, improvements to existing trails, securing trail lands, constituency building on specific trail projects. Contact:

Liz Dooley, Alliance Programs Manager
National Trails Fund
American Hiking Society
1422 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD
E-mail: Ldooley@AmericanHiking.org
www.americanhiking.org/alliance/endowment.html

California Conservation Corps

The CCC is a local source of labor for trail projects. Occasionally, they receive training dollars that they can use as a match to provide crews at a lower rate. These crews have done a substantial amount of successful trail construction locally, working for local agencies, State Parks, and with NRS on the Hammond Trail. They are only available from November to June for trail work. State website: <http://www.ccc.ca.gov/cccweb/Index.htm>

Shasta Pacific Service District (south of the Mad River) contact:

1500 Alamar Way, Fortuna, CA 95540
Phone: (707)725-5106
Fax: (707)725-1748

Klamath Service District (north of the Mad River) contact:

1500 P.J. Murphy Memorial Drive, Klamath, CA 95548
Phone: (707)482-2941
Fax: (707) 482-7595

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps

This program will provide a twelve person crew free of charge, except for housing and food, during the project. Depending upon where crews are in the program, they can be highly skilled or new to trail work, requiring substantial supervision and training. A NCCC crew assisted with the construction of the Hammond Coastal Trail near Vista Point, McKinleyville, camping nearby. Food for that project was largely donated by local businesses. Projects are selected through an application process one year in advance. For more information contact:

Sharon Morioka-Estrada
2650 Truxtun Road, San Diego, CA 92106-6001
Phone: (619) 524-0100
E-mail: anccc@cns.gov

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEM)

The EEM program, administered through Caltrans, funds enhancement and mitigation projects which are “directly or indirectly” related to the modification of existing, or construction of new, Caltrans facilities. Two categories apply to trails: roadside recreation and projects that mitigate the loss of, or detriment to, resource lands near Caltrans rights-of-way. These funds have successfully been awarded locally. The funding cycle is generally in the fall, October or November, and the local District should be supportive. (They will also help to identify the related construction project.)

District 1 Local Assistance Engineer contact:

Jan Bulinski
Caltrans District 1
P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3770
Phone: (707) 445-6399
Fax: (707) 441-5869

California Resources Agency contact:

EEMP Coordinator
Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1311, Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 653-5656
resources.ca.gov/eem

North Coast Air Quality Management District PM10 Program

May fund trail improvement or tree planting projects if the case is successfully made that the project will decrease air pollution and reduce vehicle emissions. Funding would be primarily for *commuter trails*. The program may fund planning as well as construction, although the guidelines change annually. The fund program has both small and larger grants with varying cycles and has funded bicycle-transportation-related trail construction and planning projects locally. For more information, contact:

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Phone: (707) 443-3093
Fax: (707) 443-3099
E-mail: bob@torzynski.com
www.northcoast.com/~ncuaqmd/index.html

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (National Park Service)

This program offers local groups two kinds of assistance: staff assistance for projects and consultations. Selection for Rivers & Trails staff assistance is competitive, but free to local citizen groups. Although geographically distant from their base of operations, they have been willing to assist local groups such as NRS and the Humboldt Trails Coalition. Contact the nearest Rivers & Trails office for application requirements and consultation services:

National Park Service
Pacific Great Basin Support Office
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700, Oakland, CA 94607
Voice: (510) 817-1446
Peg Henderson
Phone: (510) 817-1448
E-mail: Peg_Henderson@nps.gov
www.nps.gov/pwro/rtca/rtca.htm

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

This national foundation makes grants of anywhere from \$2,000 to \$14,000,000 (average ~\$275,000) for human health related initiatives. Projects for trail creation and restoration could fall under the guidelines that emphasize promoting healthy lifestyles and communities and increasing physical activity. The marketing of recreational opportunities such as trails could also apply. Contact:

Richard J. Toth
Route 1 and College Road
P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, NJ 08543-2316
Toll-free Fax: 1-888-727-1966
E-mail: proposals@rwjf.org
www.rwjf.org/applyForGrant/index.jhtml

Bikes Belong Coalition

This organization makes grants of up to \$10,000 in start up funds for the creation of bike trails. However, in order to be eligible, the project must have TEA-21 (The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century) funding that will continue past the funding from Bikes Belong. Contact:

Tim Baldwin
Grants Program Administrator
(617) 734-2111
E-mail: tim@bikesbelong.org
www.bikesbelong.org

VanLobenSels / RembeRock Foundation

If one could make the case that the trail project would significantly benefit a disadvantaged or minority group such as providing access for the disabled, this foundation may be interested in providing funding of up to \$40,000 (average ~\$15,000). Contact:

131 Steuart Street, Suite 301, San Francisco, CA 94105

Phone: (415) 512-0500

Fax: (415) 371-0227

E-mail: info@vlsrr.org

www.vlsrr.org

Simpson Fund

This corporate giving program lists Humboldt County as one of its priority funding regions in providing assistance for general community development projects in the range of \$1,000 to \$10,000. The majority of past grants have gone to schools and organizations that provide direct human services, but several environmental organizations have received funding for conservation projects and the case can be made that trail creation should be considered community enhancement. Contact:

Jackie Deuschle

P.O. Box 1089, Arcata, CA 95518

Phone: (707) 268-3000

Email: jdeuschle@simpson.com

www.simpson.com/fundhistory.cfm

Surdna Foundation

This national foundation lists Transportation and Urban/Suburban Land Use as one of its funding priorities, specifically supporting projects that foster open space, park land creation, urban conservation, and broadly, 'livability'. Support on the average of ~\$150,000 may be available for larger scale trail projects, especially those that also have the potential to reduce motor vehicle use. Contact:

Edward Skloot, Executive Director

330 Madison Avenue, 30th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Telephone: (212) 557-0010

Fax: (212) 557-0003

E-mail: request@surdna.org

www.igc.org/surdna/programs/environment.html

Conservation Alliance

The Conservation Alliance is a group of 62 outdoor businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots citizen-action groups and their efforts to protect wild and natural areas where outdoor enthusiasts recreate. Projects should focus on enhancing natural resources for the purpose of recreation, i.e. trails. Proposals are not accepted directly, but

must be nominated by a member company, a list of which is available on the website:
www.conservationalliance.com

Mountaineers Foundation

This foundation promotes the study, protection, and enjoyment of the Pacific Northwest's natural areas. (Hopefully Northern California falls under the foundations definition of the Pacific Northwest.) Trails feasibility studies and other related projects could certainly fall under the promotion of enjoyment and study of natural areas. Contact:

The Grants Screening Committee
PMB 525
300 Queen Anne Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109-4599
Phone: (206) 264-5691
E-mail: mtnrsvnd@speakeasy.org
www.mountaineersfoundation.org

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