

City of Coleraine - Funding Sources

Trails

Federal Recreation Trail Program (DNR) – Motorized and non-motorized trails. Eligible applicant is a unit of government. 25% in-kind or cash match. Maximum award \$150,000. Applications annually – Usually in February.

Local Trail Connections Program (DNR) – Short trail connections within a community. Eligible applicant is a unit of government. 25% non-state cash match. Maximum award \$150,000. Applications annually – Usually in March.

Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Program – This program was formerly the Trails Legacy Program (DNR) – Trails of regional or statewide significance. Eligible applicant is a unit of government. No match required but those with a match score higher. Applications annually – Usually in late summer/early fall. Annual budget is approximately \$8,000,000 per year. A master plan must be completed in order to receive funds. Applicants also must apply to have their trail Regionally Designated.

Regional Trail Grant (DNR) – Regionally significant trails outside the 7 county metro area. Eligible applicant is a unit of government. 25% non-state cash match required. \$250,000 maximum award. Applications accepted annually – Usually in March.

Legislative – Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). Local unit of government is eligible. No match required but those with a match score higher. No maximum award but I have received grants in the \$1,000,000 range. Applications annually – Usually in April or May. Funds available the following July.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Federal dollars. Non- motorized trails and safe routes to schools. Local units of government are eligible. 20% match is required can be in-kind or cash. No maximum award however they can be around \$400,000. Applications annually through Regional Development Organizations (ARDC in our region). Monies not available for several years after the application.

Off-highway Vehicle Grants-In-Aid (GIA) (DNR). Off highway vehicle organizations apply through local units of governments. Planning, improvements, land acquisition. Contact DNR Parks and Trails Area Supervisor.

Iron Range Resources – Regional Trail Program. Funds available on an annual basis. Applications are typically open in July and are open until the funds are all awarded. Regional trails are a high priority but local trails are considered also. Annual budget is approximately \$3,000,000.

State Bonding Bill – Usually available on even numbered years – Applications due in June.

Parks

Outdoor Recreation Program (DNR). Picnic shelters, playgrounds, fishing piers, beaches, campgrounds, etc. Local units of government are eligible. 50% match cash or in-kind required. Maximum grant is \$100,000. Applications annually – Usually in March. Very competitive.

Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Program – This program was formerly the Parks Legacy Program (DNR). Parks of regional or statewide significance. Picnic shelters, playgrounds, fishing piers, beaches, campgrounds, canoeing, etc. Local units of government are eligible. No match required but those with a match score higher. Approximately \$8,000,000 per year will be available. Applications annually – Usually late summer/early fall. A master plan needs to be completed and applicants must apply for their park to be Regionally Designated.

Regional Park Grant (DNR). Acquisition, development, improvement and restoration of park facilities. Parks of regional or statewide significance. Local units of government are eligible. 40% match cash or in-kind required. Had a small budget last year. Would like to see large 100 acre plus parks.

State Park Road Account (DNR). Improve access to public recreation facilities. Improvements made to county, city or township roads that provide access to outdoor recreation areas. Local units of government are eligible. No match required but preliminary and construction engineering are ineligible. Applications annually – Usually in November and announced in April the following year.

Water Recreation Cooperative Acquisition and Development (DNR). Public boat accesses, parking lots, docks, campsites. Local units of government are eligible. No applications for this program, contact the local parks and trails area supervisor.

Legislative – Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). Local unit of government is eligible. No match required but those with a match score higher. No maximum award but I have received grants in the \$1,000,000 range. Applications annually – Usually in April or May. Funds available the following July.

State Bonding Bill – Usually available on even numbered years – Applications due in June.

Infrastructure (Water/Sewer/Streets)

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Programs:

Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund, Drinking Water Revolving Loan – Typically low interest loans. Funds are available but projects have to be included on the Project Priority List and the Intended Use Plan.

Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) - Provides grants to units of local government to assist with the cost of wastewater treatment or storm water projects. Meet wasteload reductions prescribed under a total maximum daily load (TMDL) plan required by Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. The grants are for 80 percent of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$7 million.

Wastewater/Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF) - The Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF) provides supplemental grants based on affordability criteria to help communities build wastewater and drinking water projects that replace aging infrastructure and meet permit requirement. Administered by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA), the fund provides matching grants to communities that meet affordability criteria and receive PFA loans or water financing from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program.

Credit Enhancement Program - This program helps cities and counties reduce the costs of borrowing to build certain public facilities. Administered by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA), the program provides limited state bond guarantees, which result in higher credit ratings for counties and lower interest rates on general obligation bonds.

Small Cities Development Program - Funding for housing, public infrastructure and commercial rehabilitation projects. Projects must meet one of three federal objectives: Benefit people of low and moderate incomes, eliminate slum and blight conditions or eliminate an urgent threat to public health or safety.

Iron Range Resources (IRRRB) – Community Infrastructure and Business Development Infrastructure Programs. Typically available on an annual basis. Total funds are usually capitalized around \$5,000,000. Grants do require a match.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Water and wastewater grants and loans for rural areas. Funded by federal dollars. Applications are open throughout the year.

Army Corps of Engineers – 569 Program. Funded through federal dollars. Funds available for water and sewer projects. Grants are available and are typically in the \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000 range. Applications usually due in August every year.

State Bonding Bill – Usually available on even numbered years – Applications due in June.