

Recreational Trails Program Special Set-Aside Grant Guidelines

- It is anticipated that approximately \$150,000-200,000 will be available for a State Set-Aside Grant for FY 2014. One grant will be considered for the FY 2014 cycle.
- Only RTP-eligible sponsors may apply for the **Special Set-Aside Grant**.
- Project must be large enough to have regional significance in Montana.
- Project must be large enough in total project costs that a standard RTP grant would be insufficient.
- The project must be on-the-ground work on a trail. The following projects are not eligible to receive a Special Set-Aside Grant: educational projects, brochures, displays, routine winter snow-trail grooming (snowmobile, X-country ski, etc.), or trail steward positions.
- Applications are due at the same time as all RTP applications; deadline is March 1st each year.
- The applicant will be expected to present a full and complete RTP application that describes the entire project, and specifies all funding details.
- The minimum match will remain at 20%.
- Any prospective sponsor should plan on attending the first State Trails Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting after the grant deadline to personally present an overview of the project to the STAC committee.
- All prospective Special Set-Aside applicants must contact the RTP office (444-4585) to provide an overview of the proposed project. Program staff can provide input as to whether a proposed project has merit before the time-consuming process of grant writing is initiated.