

## FUNDING PROFILE

PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority

# GREENWAYS, TRAILS & RECREATION GRANTS

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## SUMMARY

The Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) provides grants for parks and recreation areas, greenways and trails, and river/stream projects that enhance recreation.

- Established in 2012 as one of seven Act 13 (Marcellus Shale Legacy) programs
- Administered by Commonwealth Financing Authority (agency of PA Department of Economic Development)
- Annual program funding: \$8 - \$18 million
- Total program funding since 1999: \$176 million
- Allocation Source: State Budget - Act 13 of 2012 (Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund)

## FEATURES

The GTRP is the highest volume program among the seven Act 13 programs administered by the CFA.

A great leveraging grant source for streamside buffer projects.

Grants up to \$250,000 per project.

Design and engineering up to 10% of grant award.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Who is Eligible?

Municipalities, Councils of Government, 501(C)(3) nonprofit organizations, higher education institutions, watershed organizations, and for-profit businesses.

### Eligible Costs

Rehabilitation and development of public park, recreation and conservation areas, including land acquisition.

Renovation and development of linear public recreational trails, passive recreation areas, riparian forest buffers, wetland boardwalks, and related support facilities.

Projects that enhance rivers, streams, and watersheds for recreational purposes, including planning projects.

Match: 15% local cash match or cash equivalent of appraised value of real estate.

## HELPFUL TIPS

Must secure all permits before disbursement of funds.

\$100 non-refundable application fee required.

Ranking criteria includes project readiness, financial need, and level of matching funds.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications accepted between Feb. 1 and May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Apply via online PA DCED Single Application for Assistance at [www.esa.dced.state.pa.us](http://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us).

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