



GRANT FUNDING WORKSHOP



Seeking grant funding for your recreational project? Unsure what grants are available for your organization? Join us on January 13, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a virtual GRANT FUNDING WORKSHOP for recreation, conservation, and stormwater management projects in the Southern Alleghenies Region.

Representatives from the Department of Community and Natural Resources, Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission, and Community Foundation for the Alleghenies will be presenting information on grants available through state funding and local resources.

Nonprofits, recreation organizations, and government entities in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset Counties are welcome to attend. Register at:

surveymonkey.com/r/KHT9PZB

A link for the Workshop will be sent to your email a few days before the date. Registration is limited, so please sign up early to secure a spot.

For any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Stacy LoCastro at (814) 949-6510 or slocastro@sapdc.org.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE - RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The National Park Service – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) supports community-led



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natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. The conservation and recreation planning professionals' partner with community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribes, and government agencies. This partnership assists local communities in realizing their conservation and outdoor recreation vision and goals by

providing a broad range of services and skills. National Park Service (NPS) staff share their expertise to help your team turn an idea into reality. They offer assistance on an annual basis with extensions based on mutual agreement. No monetary grants are made. The PA website is located here:

[Pennsylvania \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/pa/)

The projects typically fall within five focus areas, although they will consider other projects that fall outside of these categories:

- Build healthy communities through parks, trails, and outdoor opportunities: Improve access to outdoor recreation and park amenities on land and water that support healthy lifestyles for all users;
- Conserve natural lands, rivers, and watersheds: Strengthen the conservation and stewardship of public lands, waterways, and wildlife habitat;
- Engage youth in outdoor recreation and stewardship: Connect young people to the outdoors to develop a lifelong appreciation of recreation and nature;
- Strengthen the organizational capacity of project partners: Develop and strengthen effective and sustainable community organizations and partner group; and
- Support National Park Service and community networks.

You can fill out an application for assistance for the program here:

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/upload/RTCA_Application_Form_2020-2.pdf

SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES REGIONAL GREENWAYS MINI-GRANT PROGRAM OPENS

SAP&DC

The Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC), with support from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), announces the launch of

Round 7 of the Southern Alleghenies Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program.

Projects must be located in the Southern Alleghenies Region of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset Counties. A total of \$120,000 will be available for projects and awards will range from \$5,000 to \$30,000. Projects that support the [2016 Southern Alleghenies Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#) and the [2007 Southern Alleghenies Greenways and Open Space Network Plan](#) will be given priority. Applications are due on March 5, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

The overall goals of the Southern Alleghenies Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan are:

1. Bolster the region's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure so that it is safe to use and enjoy;
2. Ensure our region's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is well maintained;
3. Continue planning for bicycle and pedestrian initiatives;
4. Educate our region's stakeholders, elected officials, and public at-large of key regional initiatives involving bicycle and pedestrian transportation; and
5. Maximize the benefits of transportation investments in the region.

The Southern Alleghenies Greenways and Open Space Network Plan outlines a series of policies and projects for linking existing natural and man-made resources. Projects eligible for the Mini-Grant Program must support the Plan's overall purpose and goals:

1. Conserve important natural resources,
2. Expand recreation opportunities,
3. Celebrate cultural heritage,

4. Bolster economic development,
5. Increase pedestrian and bicycle mobility, and
6. Promote healthy lifestyles.

Detailed information about the grant program can be found on our website:

[Greenways Mini-Grant Program](#)

A workshop will be held via Zoom on February 4, 2021. Please contact Stacy LoCastro at (814) 949-6510 or slocastro@sapdc.org to register or for more information on the Mini-Grant Program.

Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) DROP-IN COURSES AND VIRTUAL TRAININGS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LTAP is continuing to provide **FREE** training virtually! LTAP is offering **1-hour** Drop-in Sessions as well as full **4-hour** training courses on a variety of maintenance and safety topics.



Drop-in Session Information

LTAP Virtual Drop-ins are centered on various safety and maintenance topics. These sessions are **not** virtual classes; they are informal one-hour live sessions focused on networking and sharing information with other municipal roadway personnel. Whether you are new to the virtual world or have a lot of experience, you will enjoy meeting up online with LTAP staff and other municipal staff to learn and discuss information critical to your job. LTAP staff will start the session with a short presentation, and then open the discussion to attendees to ask questions and share their experiences. LTAP will guide the discussion to keep it focused and accurate.

Note: The drop-ins are not eligible for Roads Scholar credits.

Upcoming Virtual Drop-in Sessions:

Mini Roundabouts – January 7, 2021, 11 AM – 12 PM

You can register for the Virtual Drop-in Sessions by visiting the LTAP website (<http://gis.penndot.gov/LTAP>) and going to the “Bulletin Board” section of the homepage.

Virtual Training Information

Registration: Register for classes on the LTAP website (<http://gis.penndot.gov/LTAP>). All virtual classes have **Virtual, PA** as their location on the website.

Group Participation in LTAP Virtual Class : A municipality may have a few staff participate in a virtual class together if they are meeting their municipal requirements for COVID. The class can also be viewed through a smart phone. After the class, everyone needs to use the link to fill out the quiz and evaluation forms. The forms may also be completed on a smart phone. Please have **everyone** register on the website that is planning on attending and completing the quiz.

Time: All classes are from 8 AM to 12 PM.

Upcoming Virtual Training Sessions:

- Stormwater Facility Operation and Maintenance – January 1, 2021
- Pavement Markings: Applications and Maintenance – January 6, 2021
- Safe Driver – January 12, 2021
- Speed Limits and Speed Management – January 14, 2021
- Winter Maintenance – January 19, 2021
- ADA Transition Plans and Self Evaluations – January 26, 2021
- Introduction to Traffic Studies – February 2, 2021

If you need assistance with registration, please contact LTAP at LTAP@state.pa.us or call 1-800-FOR-LTAP or (717) 787-5243. You may also contact Matthew Bjorkman at SAP&DC at (814) 949-6553 or mbjorkman@sapdc.org.

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