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Planning and Community Development

Newsletter

The Southern Alleghenies Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program Round 8 Supplemental Round

SAP&DC is happy to announce the opening of a supplemental round of funding for Round 8 of the Southern Alleghenies Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program. The program is intended to provide funding for projects that support the implementation of the overall goals that have been identified in the 2007 Southern Alleghenies Greenways and Open Space Network Plan and the Southern Alleghenies Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Supplemental Grant Round Guidelines:

There is a change to the guidelines for this supplemental round of funding. Grant requests shall be a maximum of \$20,000. There is no minimum request amount. All grantees must be able to provide a cash/eligible non-cash (in-kind) contribution of at least 50 percent of the total project cost. Any applicant that currently has a project open with the SAP&DC Regional Greenways Mini-Grant program is not eligible to apply for the supplemental Round 8 funding.

Eligible Applicants include:

- Counties and Municipalities
- Council of Governments (COGs)
- Housing/Redevelopment Authorities
- Government Entities



<u>Eligible Project Types include, but are not</u> <u>limited to</u>:

- Development Protection or improvement of natural areas, development of new or existing trail development, signage, and equipment
- Planning Feasibility studies and trail/site master plans
- Technical Assistance Educational workshops, walking and biking maps for trail users, and comunity walking/biking programs

The deadline for applications is 4:00 PM on November 30, 2022. The application and guidelines can be downloaded <u>here</u>.

Please send your application or submit any questions to Matt Bjorkman, Transportation Program Manager, at <u>mbjorkman@sapdc.org</u>.

Southern Alleghenies 2022 LTAP Survey

We Need Your Input!

SAP&DC is preparing to schedule FREE Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

courses in the Southern Alleghenies Region for the upcoming year. We are reaching out to gauge your opinion on the course topics and course formats that are preferable for your municipality. Please fill out the five-minute survey at the link below to let us know what courses you would like to see in our Region!

Click Here



PennDOT MTF Program FY 2023-24 Application Cycle

The PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) is a dedicated program that stabilized funding for ports and rail freight, increased aviation investments, and establishes dedicated funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies, and ports and rail freight entities to improve transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization.

PennDOT will begin accepting applications for FY23-24 MTF funding on September 12, 2022. The deadline to submit applications is November 14, 2022.

For more information, please visit PennDOT's MTF webpage here.

DCNR Recreation, Conservation Supplemental Grant Round Now Open



A special "supplemental" fall grant round for recreation, conservation, and partnership projects is now accepting applications. This grant opportunity will highlight helping underserved communities, closing trail gaps, supporting an invigorated focus on the outdoor recreation sector, and planting trees along streams and in communities. This supplemental round is in addition to DCNR's regular Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants, which will have their regular spring round opening in January 2023.

The 2022 fall grant application round opened on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Applications will be accepted through 4:00PM on Thursday, October 27, 2022.

For more information about the fall round, please contact Trish Newdeck, DCNR Regional Advisor - Southcentral West, at <u>pnewdeck@pa.gov</u>. A <u>Frequently Asked</u> <u>Questions (FAQ)</u> document has also been put together with more details on the fall funding round.

Broadband Efforts in the Southern Alleghenies Region



Broadband expansion highlights BCDA roundtable

Originally published by the Bedford Gazette, September 2, 2022] A group of local leaders and county officials were on hand Thursday morning at the Bedford County Development Association to discuss the future of rural broadband services to the area. The roundtable gathering was led by U.S. Rep.



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