

CIP FINANCING

Grants

Listed below is a summary of grants that are potential capital improvement project funding sources for Columbia Parks and Recreation. The Department has actively pursued grant funding for capital improvement projects. In addition to the multi-million dollar funding for trails awarded from the Federal Non-Motorized Pilot Program Grant, the Department has successfully secured over \$2 million in grant funding for capital projects over the past ten years.



Again St. Park Replacement Shelter
Funded by CDBG Grant

Select grants require matching funds and/or partnership applications with other government agencies. Grant management also requires substantial staff time, which can be a constraining factor in the number and type of grants the Department is able to pursue. When appropriate, the Department plans to continue actively pursuing grant funding as a means to supplement the department's capital improvement budget.

Federal Grants

1. Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF)

Website: www.nps.gov

Funding is provided by the National Park Service. The LWCF program provides 50/50 matching grants to states and through the state to local governments and state agencies for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources administers LWCF grants.

2. Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov

Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). RTP provides funds to states to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources administers RTP grants.

3. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/tap.cfm>

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).^{*} MAP-21 establishes a new program to provide for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including many that were previously eligible activities under separately funded programs. The TAP replaces the funding from pre-MAP-21 programs including Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails, Safe Routes to School, and several other discretionary programs, wrapping them into a single funding source. Funds may be used for projects or activities that are related to surface transportation and described in the definition of "Transportation Alternatives." Additional information is available online.

4. Surface Transportation Program (STP)
Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/stp.cfm>
STP grants provide flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.
5. Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)
Website: www.saferoutesinfo.org
Funding is provided by the (FHWA). The SRTS program provides funds to substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students to walk and bicycle to school safely.
6. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)
Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/cmaq.cfm>
The CMAQ program is continued in MAP-21 to provide a flexible funding source to State and local governments for transportation projects and programs to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Funding is available to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (maintenance areas).
7. Pollution Prevention Grant
Website: www.epa.gov
Funding is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics is responsible for overseeing grant programs which promote pollution prevention through source reduction and resource conservation.
8. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Foundation (PFW)
Website: www.fws.gov
The PFW is a program funded through U.S. Fish and Wildlife. PFW's mission is to efficiently achieve voluntary habitat restoration on private lands, through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of federal trust species. The overall goal of Partners Program projects is to return a site to the ecological condition that likely existed prior to loss or degradation.
9. Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program (TCSP)
Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov
TCSP Program grants provide funds to plan and implement strategies which improve the efficiency of the transportation system, reduce environmental impacts of transportation, reduce the need for costly future public infrastructure investments, ensure efficient access to jobs, services and centers of trade, and examine development patterns and identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns which achieve these goals.

11. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Website: www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/eecbg.html

EECBG grants are intended to develop, promote, implement, and manage energy efficiency and conservation projects and programs designed to: reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce the total energy use of eligible entities, improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors; and create and retain jobs.

12. Five Star Restoration Grant

Website: www.epa.gov

Funding is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is available to support community-based wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities.

13. Community Development Block Grant Program – (CDBG)

Website: www.hud.gov

Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs within areas that meet program guidelines.

State Grants

1. Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance Grant (TRIM)

Website: mdc.mo.gov

Funding is provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation. TRIM is a cost-share tree care program which assists public agencies with the management, improvement or conservation of trees on public lands.

Other Grants (Private, Foundations, etc.)

1. Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH)

Website: www.mffh.org

MFH grants support activities that aim to achieve objectively measurable improvements in the health of Missouri's citizens, particularly the health of underserved, uninsured and underinsured populations.

2. Conservation Alliance

Website: www.conservationalliance.com

The Conservation Alliance is a group of outdoor businesses that supports efforts to protect specific wild places for their habitat and recreation values.

3. Tony Hawk Foundation

Website: www.tonyhawkfoundation.org

The Tony Hawk Foundation provides funding for high quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States.

4. Bikes Belong

Website: www.bikesbelong.org

The Bikes Belong Grant Program strives to put more people on bicycles more often by funding important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiative

5. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Website: www.nfwf.org

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation offers funding on a competitive basis to projects that sustain, restore, and enhance the nation's fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats.

6. International Mountain Bike Association

<http://www.imba.com>

The International Mountain Bike Association, often in partnership with various retailers, provides grant opportunities to create, enhance and preserve mountain bike facilities.

7. Rob Dyrdek Foundation

Website: www.robdyrdekfoundation.org

The Foundation assists municipalities and non-profits with the design, development, and construction of legal Skate Plazas as well as assists with the creation of community and educational programs that promote and encourage the sport of skateboarding.

8. USTA Public Facility Funding

Website: www.usta.com

The United States Tennis Association provides financial assistance to improve or reconstruct existing public tennis facilities and for construction of new tennis facilities.

*Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). A significant change was made with MAP-21 which extended the Federal-aid highway program through September 30, 2012 and authorized new provisions effective October 1, 2012, for Federal fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Transportation Enhancement (TE) Activities will be replaced by the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). At press time, it was noted that TAP information would be added as it became available. MAP-21 retains broad eligibility for pedestrian and bicycle activities for all Federal-aid highway program funds, but did not dedicate any funds for pedestrian and bicycle activities. MAP-21 did not make any significant changes to the Federal statute relating to Bicycle Transportation and Pedestrian Walkways (23 U.S.C. 217). Three of the most-used fund sources for pedestrian and bicycle projects, the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Activities, Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS), and Recreational Trails Program (RTP), were consolidated into TAP). Source: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov>