



TRAILS FOR LIFE GRANT PROGRAM

ACTIVE2010

Presentation to Huronia Trails & Greenway Conference

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PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- To provide background information on the Trails for Life grant program
- To review the program's goal, strategic directions & current priorities
- To explain who can apply & provide some funding parameters & mandatory requirements
- To highlight some approved grant projects



BACKGROUND

- Ontario Trails Strategy – approved by Cabinet in June 2005
- Trails for Life grant program was a key deliverable of the Ontario Trails Strategy
- Trails for Life also supports ACTIVE2010
- \$440,000 in grants annually for five years



PROGRAM GOAL

The goal of the Trails for Life funding program is to:

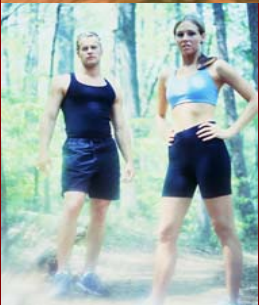
Increase physical activity of Ontarians & the health & economic benefits of trails through strategic investments that support a higher quality of life.



STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Grants to support policy, applied research & implementation projects with a provincial scope that address one or more of the following:

- Improving collaboration among stakeholders
- Enhancing the sustainability of Ontario's trails
- Enhancing the trails experience
- Educating Ontarians about trails
- Fostering better health & a strong economy through trails



2006-2007 PROJECT PRIORITIES

- Based on feedback from the members of the Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee, the 06-07 Trails for Life program will support projects that address the needs of the trail sector in one of the following five categories:
 - Working with Property Owners
 - Environment-related Projects
 - Projects Targeting Non-traditional Users
 - Accommodating Multiple-users
 - Promoting and Developing Trails in Ontario



WHO CAN APPLY?

- Not-for-profit trails organizations with provincial scope
- Collaborations of local not-for-profit trail organizations with a pilot or “best practice” project with provincial application
- Collaborations of Aboriginal communities/not-for-profit Aboriginal trails organizations
- Municipalities working in partnership with a provincial trail organization(s)
- Ontario universities or colleges with expertise in trails research



FUNDING PARAMETERS

- Projects are one year in length
- Grant will fund up to 60% of the total eligible project costs
- Cost-sharing = not more than 80% total project funding from all levels of government
- Applicant to demonstrate how other project costs will be covered by other sources (e.g. municipal grant, in-kind, sponsorship)



Mandatory Requirements

- Provincial applicants must be incorporated
- All applicants must have completed 1 year of operation
- Applicant has (or is aware of) a risk management plan
- Audited financial statements for grants of \$75K & over
- Board-approved financial statement for grants under \$75K
- Evidence of liability insurance prior to project evaluation
- Three written quotes for any good/service of \$5K & over
- Application signed by an authorized signing officer (e.g. Chief Executive Officer, President, etc.)



2006/07 Approved Grants

Bruce Trail Association - \$2,900

- The Toronto Bruce Trail Club will organize & implement bus hikes taking low income youth from the Toronto area, on a day hike of the Bruce Trail

Community Living Dufferin - \$15,000

- The Headwaters Trails Council Project will implement a regional management council model that convenes trail leaders & key stakeholders from the business, social/health & environmental sectors throughout the region in developing and promoting the trails of the Headwater area (Orangeville plus seven surrounding communities)

Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance - \$15,000

- The Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA) will audit multi use trails within its network & identify areas in need of repair for public safety & to set trail standards for risk management, public safety, & universal design. The project will update a checklist developed as part of the EOTA first phase master plan. Environmental concerns & areas of interest will be added to the checklist. This project will build on the work of the Trails for All Ontarians Collaborative.



2006/07 Approved Grants (Cont'd.)

Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network - \$16,500

- This project will expand the focus of the "Hike Haliburton Festival" created in 2003 to include other trails activities to target non-traditional users & to expand a local event into a "Regional Signature Event."

Hike Ontario - \$30,000

- The "Young Hikers Program" will introduce youth to the joys & benefits of hiking. Aimed at youth (ages 5 - 18), the Young Hikers program promotes hiking as a way of improving health, gaining valuable leadership experience, fulfilling academic requirements & earning fulfilling awards. It will be made available to schools & organized youth groups across the Province.

Huronian Trails & Greenways - \$6,300

- "The Trail Count Study" will use an infra-red counter to determine total trail usage by season & by type of trail.

Kawartha Lakes Green Trails Alliance - \$10,350

- Working with four public schools, one high school & Sir Sandford Fleming College, trails curriculum will be created that incorporates science, math, history, geography & physical education for students from Kindergarten - Grade 12. The lesson plans will be reviewed by OPHEA & provided to schools in 2007, for integration into International Trails Day, beginning in 2008.



2006/07 Approved Grants (Cont'd.)

Ontario Trails Council –

- **Grant #1 - \$58,500**
 - To undertake year two of the on-going development & maintenance of a sector-wide, comprehensive central website for trails
- **Grant #2: (\$60,000)**
 - To develop & produce a "Risk Management Planning Resource" to provide a sample of the type of risk management plan required by insurers.
- **Grant#3: (\$33,216)**
 - To implement the Trillium Trails Network (TTN) Business Plan as a result of research and consultations on the TTN concept completed in 2006.

Patricia Area Community Endeavours (PACE) - \$4,800

- "Birding The Northwest" will develop a regional inventory of trails suitable for birding. A trail assessment related to birding activities will provide details on many aspects of trail use. This project will encourage use of trails by local residents & tourists, with a plan to develop the region into a birding destination.



2006/07 Approved Grants (Cont'd.)

Trans Canada Trail Ontario - \$60,000

- The "Regional Trail Council Staff Support Project" will consolidate, develop & disseminate a regional trail staff resource toolkit to build on the work of the 2005-2006 grant that created a resource to assist with the development of Regional Management Councils (RMC) for trails. The RMC project, coupled with the staff toolkit will aid in completing the Trans Canada Trail by the year 2010.

Trent University Trails Unit - \$20,500

- This project will develop the linkages between colleges & universities, their trails research & the trails community.

Waterfront Regeneration Trust - \$35,310

- The "Great Waterfront Trail Adventure" is designed to promote active transportation by means of cycling holidays. A resource to encourage children & families to explore locations along the length of the trail, in celebration of its 15th anniversary will be created. A customized tour on the Waterfront Trail using an interface available on the Trust's website will be created.



2006/07 Approved Grants (Cont'd.)

Sudbury-Nipissing Rail To Trail Business Plan - \$15,000

- The "Sudbury-Nipissing Rail to Trail Business Plan will rationalize long term sustainability for creating a multi-use linear recreational park connecting North Bay & Sudbury.

Momentum 1 - \$41,624

- This project will hold a Trails event in one city in each of the four regions of the province - Toronto, Ottawa, London & Thunder Bay. "Ontario Walks" will involve significant private sector partnership in an event that is targeted at the inactive to introduce them to the joys of moderate walking.

The Corporation of The Municipality of Red Lake - \$15,000

- The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake will develop a Municipal Trail System Strategic Plan, focusing on proper management of existing trails, collaboration and cooperation between existing groups, residents, municipal government, with goals, strategies & objectives for the trail system that will provide social, economic & health benefits.



QUESTIONS?

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