

Regional Trails Grant Program

Program Description

Regional Trails grants assist with the design, engineering and construction of various types of trails.

Results

Documented results for fiscal year 2025 as of **September 2, 2025**.

Projects

Table one below provides an overview of project funding across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27), including program budget, number of grants, total agency investment, total project investment and leverage.

Table 1.

| Project Funding | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| Budget | \$2,000,000 | \$3,660,000 | | |
| Number of Grants | 17 | 15 | | |
| Total Agency Investment | \$1,985,325 | \$3,660,000 | | |
| Total Project Investment | \$8,814,780 | \$8,604,999 | | |
| Leverage | 3.4:1 | 1.4:1 | | |

Key Impact Measures

Table two below provides an overview of key impact measures across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27) projects, including new trails and trail systems, new bridges, reconstruction and enhancements, master plans and maintenance programs.

Table 2.

| Key Impact Measures | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| New Trails and Trail Systems | 7 | 4 | | |
| New Bridges | 3 | 2 | | |
| Reconstruction and Enhancements | 5 | 8 | | |
| Master Plans | 2 | 1 | | |

| Key Impact Measures | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Maintenance Programs | 6 | 1 | | |

Fiscal Year 2025 Grants

Table three below provides an overview of the grantees, project descriptions, locations, agency investments and total project investments.

Table 3.

| Grantee | Project Description | Location | Agency Investment | Total Project Investment |
|---|---|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Breitung Township | Master planning and design for Vermilion Loop trail segment | Breitung Township | \$22,000 | \$46,000 |
| Chisholm | Development of the Redhead Mountain Bike Park – Phase 3 | Chisholm | \$1,000,000* | \$2,728,240 |
| Ely | Purchase of trail maintenance equipment for Prospector ATV Trail System | Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass, Tower, Finland and Isabella | \$50,000 | \$138,611 |
| Ely | Expand mountain bike trails in Ely area – Phase 2 | Ely | \$100,000* | \$405,000 |
| Eveleth | Reconstruct Fayal Pond trail parking area – Phase 3 | Eveleth | \$31,767* | \$63,535 |
| Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability | Purchase snowmobile to maintain golf course trail | Virginia | \$1,485 | \$2,970 |
| Iron Range Tourism Bureau | Support northern St. Louis County Trails Task Force projects | St. Louis County | \$50,000 | \$100,000 |
| Itasca County Land Department | Purchase and install trail fencing along Pokegama Lake | Grand Rapids | \$22,007 | \$56,160 |
| Itasca Driftskippers Snowmobile Club | Purchase trail maintenance equipment | Itasca County | \$28,546 | \$57,093 |
| Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board | Build trail connection from Aerie Lake to ATV Trail in Alborn | Alborn Township | \$100,000 | \$320,000 |
| Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board | Support Prospector, Voyageur, Ranger, Alborn and Quad Cities ATV trail development projects | Taconite Assistance Area | \$2,160,000 | \$4,320,000 |
| Range Trail Committee Inc | Upgrades to Laurentian and Virginia spur trails | Virginia | \$7,695 | \$15,390 |
| Superior Cycling Association | Rehabilitation of trail segment at Pincushion Mountain | Grand Marais | \$27,000 | \$54,000 |
| Vermilion Penguin Snowmobile Club | Purchase new trail groomer | St. Louis County | \$50,000* | \$269,000 |
| Voyageur Snowmobile Club | Construct new bridge and update signage on Yukon Trail | Lake County | \$9,500 | \$29,000 |

**Project received agency funding from another fiscal year or program.*