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ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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This brochure provides a brief summary of some funding sources for non-motorized transportation and/or recreation facilities. The programs described in this document are arranged by source of funding: public and private. Where available, the following information is provided for each program: description/origin; eligibility requirements; funding amounts; funding distribution process; and information contacts.

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Public Funding Sources

The following eight programs are publicly funded by federal, state, local governments or agencies. The type of projects allowed depend on the program, however, the categories range from planning and construction of non-motorized trails to design of public spaces, to research and studies of methods for reducing air pollution.

Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot (TCSP)



This is a comprehensive initiative managed by the federal government for research and grants investigate the relationships between transportation and community and system preservation and private sector-based initiatives.

The discretionary grants are awarded to projects that:

- 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;
- Examine private sector developments patterns and investments that support these goals.

occupant vehicles and improve the quality of life for the entire community.



Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Greenways Initiative

Grants are available to help organizations and governmental agencies with the actual physical process of assembling and constructing greenways in the seven counties of southeast Michigan, including Washtenaw County. These grants may be used for a variety of purposes, including construction, restoration of habitat, planting of native species, trail construction, waterfront restoration, reinstatement of natural values of a specific location and land purchase. Eligible applicants include any 501(c) (3) public charity as well any local government agency or unit or combination of the above. Applications may be received at anytime. Grants range between \$25,000 and \$1 million. For more information, contact the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, 333 West Fort Street, Suite 2010, Detroit, MI 48226-3134, phone 313-961-6675, or visit the website at <http://www.cfsem.org>

McKinley Foundation



Funding is available for emergency assistance to meet human needs that may not be adequately met by other public or private sources; seed money and technical assistance for the development of innovative community project; seed money for promising endeavors where such funding will have a multiplier effect towards achieving charitable goals; grants or loans to qualifying organizations to help initiate fund raising programs which will assist them in becoming self-sufficient; and for providing qualifying organizations necessary space, services, equipment, clerical assistance, fund raising direction and management support. Applicants in the State of Michigan, and primarily within Washtenaw County, will be given preference. For more information contact the McKinley Foundation, 320 N. Main, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 734-769-8520 or fax 734-769-8760.

velopment of trailways that contribute to an overall State trail system and projects located within a U.S. Census Bureau identified Metropolitan Statistical Area. Eligible applicants include any unit of government, including schools or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. To be eligible local units of government, school districts and local authorities must have sufficient control of the land, ownership or a long-term lease as well as a DNR-approved community recreation plan. Applicants with natural resource oriented criteria i.e. land, lakes or streams providing access to or use of natural resources will be given preference. A 25% local match is required, additional money matched will earn additional points i.e. 26% =10 more points. For more information, contact Jim Wood with the Grants Administration Division at 517-335-4050.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (State and Local Recreation, including Land Acquisition)



Grants are available to local units of government and to the State for development of lands and facilities for outdoor recreation. Eligible applicants include any unit of government, including schools or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. Local units of government, school districts and local authorities must have a DNR-approved community recreation plan to be eligible. Grant approval is not based on natural resource orientation. If awarded a 50% local match is required. Applications are accepted year round however grants are awarded as budget allows. For more information, contact Jim Wood with the Grants Administration Division at 517-335-4050.



Private Funding Sources

The following two programs are awarded by private foundations or funds. The type of projects allowed depend on the program, however, most of the programs are dedicated to environmental protection and preservation. Construction of pedestrian and non-motorized facilities, though not specifically mentioned are considered an eligible use of the funds in that they provide alternatives to traveling in single-

A total of \$120 million is authorized for this program for fiscal years 1999 – 2003.

TCSP grants are awarded based on a competitive application process, although in recent years many of the funds have been earmarked. All states, metropolitan planning organizations and local governments are eligible to apply for planning and implementation grants. Grants are awarded based on meeting several program criteria including past performance and future potential. For more information about this program, contact Cindy Durrenberger, Transportation Planner at the Federal Highway Administration, at 517-702-1829 or cindy.durrenberger@igate.fhwa.dot.gov.

Transportation Enhancement



This program was continued with the passage of TEA-21; it is federally funded though administered by the states. Annually, ten percent of the Surface Transportation Fund is set aside for Enhancement activities. The activities that are allowed are classified into four categories. *Non-motorized Facilities* include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, preservation of abandoned railway corridors, and safety and educational activities. *Transportation Aesthetics* include acquisition of scenic easements and scenic sites, scenic highway programs, landscaping and beautification, and control and removal of outdoor advertising. *Water Quality and Wildlife Mortality* includes efforts to mitigate water pollution due to highway runoff and efforts to reduce animal mortality and maintain wildlife habitat connectivity across transportation facilities. *Historic Preservation* includes acquisition of historic sites, historic highway programs, historic preservation, rehabilitation of established historic transportation-related structures, archaeological planning and research, and the establishment of transportation museums.

In Michigan, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) coordinates the Enhancement program. Enhancement funding is awarded based on a statewide competitive application process and distributed by category. All cities, villages, county road commissions, MDOT, and transit agencies are eligible to apply for funding. For more information about this program, contact Bryan Armstrong, Enhancement Program Coordinator, at 517-335-2636 or armstrongb@michigan.gov.

State and Community Highway Safety (Highway Safety Project Grant)



Formula grants are available from the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) to provide a coordinated national highway safety program to reduce traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damage. Grants are awarded to projects that demonstrate commitment to one of the nine national priority program areas, including: Alcohol and other Drug Countermeasures, Police Traffic Services, Occupant Protection, Traffic Records, Emergency Medical Services, Motorcycle Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Speed Control and Roadway Safety. Eligible applicants include states while eligible beneficiaries include political subdivisions, through the State Highway Safety Agencies. Highway Safety Plans must be submitted by September 1 each year. For more information, contact Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning, 4000 Collins Road, P.O. Box 30633, Lansing, MI 48909-8133, Kathy Farnum at 517-333-5316 or Mark Iansiti at 517-333-5319 or visit the website at <http://ohsp.state.mi.us>.

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance



Advisory services and counseling are available nationally as part of a technical resource program to increase the number of rivers and lands protected; and to expand the number of trails established nationwide. Applicants eligible for this service include private non-profit organizations and Federal, State and local government agencies. Applicants should complete and submit proposals by July and must contact the program leader for Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance in the appropriate National Park Service Regional Office. For more detailed information visit the website: <http://www.nps.gov/rtca> or contact Barbara Nelson-Jameson at (231) 334-3130.

Clean Air Communities

Competitive grants are available for pilot projects to help communities identify and launch innovative and practical transportation solutions that reduce impacts on the environment and enhance mobility and access. These pilot projects are to spur reductions in transportation-related emissions of criteria pollutants as well as

greenhouse gases by decreasing vehicle miles traveled and increasing the use of cleaner technologies. For more information, contact Mary Walsh with the EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) at 734-214-4205, e-mail: walsh.mary@epa.gov or visit the website at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/traq/catc>.



Recreational Trails Program Grants

This program provides grants to fund maintenance and development of recreational trails and related facilities. Eligible applicants include the State and State/local government partnerships. The deadline for applications is July 1 of each year, with funds becoming available on or after December 1. For more information, contact Jim Rada-baugh with the State of Michigan Parks and Recreation Bureau at 517-373-9483.

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR)

The UPARR program provides grants to local governments for rehabilitation of existing indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, enhance park and recreation opportunities and to develop local Recovery Action Programs (RAPs) that identify community needs, objectives, action priorities, and strategies for revitalization of the total recreation system. Eligible applicants are local governments with physically and economically distressed urban areas. Program funding is limited which makes the competition for these grants high. The successful applicant will take care in addressing the pre-application elements as thoroughly as possible. For more information visit the website at www.nps.gov/grants or contact Jim Krejci at 402-221-7272.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (State and Local Recreation, including Land Acquisition)



Grants are available to local units of government and to the State for acquisition and development of lands and facilities for outdoor recreation as well as the protection of Michigan's significant natural resources. Examples of some 2001 Special Initiatives of the Board include: acquisition or de-