



Funding for Trails in Washington – What can Alaska learn?

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Introduction

- RTP = Recreational Trails Program
- Grant funding from Federal Highways Administration (FHWA)
- Administered at the state level



Agenda

RTP at RCO

5 Lessons

Q&A





RTP at RCO – Overview



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RTP

Recreational Trails Program

FUNDING

\$3.6 million

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GRANT LIMIT

varies

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MATCH REQUIREMENT

20%

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RTP at RCO – Timeline

- 1964 – BFP: RCO created with sunset clause, to admin new state boating facility grants
- 1965 – LWCF: grants added
- **1977 – NOVA: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities program created**
- 1986 – Sunset clause removed by House bill
- 1989 – WWRP: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program created
- 1991 – FARR: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program created
- 1995 – *Tech*: RCO project database (“PRISM”) goes live
- **1996 – RTP: program opened for public projects**
- 2004 – WWRP: grants added for Riparian, Farmland, State Lands Dev / Rest
- 2007 – Salmon programs transferred to RCO
- 2014 – *Tech*: Electronic billing implemented
- 2015 – Forestland Preservation grant added
- 2018 – *Tech*: Electronic scoring implemented

Evaluation Process

RTP Development and Maintenance Projects Evaluation Criteria Summary				
Scored by	Question	Title	Maximum Points	Project Type Questions
Advisory Committee	1	Need	15	All
Advisory Committee	2	Need satisfaction	15	All
Advisory Committee	3	Project design	10	Development
Advisory Committee	4	Maintenance	15	Maintenance
Advisory Committee	5	Sustainability	5	Development
Advisory Committee	6	Readiness to proceed	5	All
Advisory Committee	7	Cost-benefit	5	All
Advisory Committee	8	Cost efficiencies	5	All
Advisory Committee	9	Project support	10	All
RCO Staff	10	Matching shares	10	All
RCO Staff	11	Growth Management Act preference	0	All
Total Points Possible			80	

Enough Points for Funding?

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	73.67	18-2587M	Western Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$125,000	\$380,000	\$505,000	\$62,500 ²
2	71.89	18-2324M	Statewide Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$498,190	\$648,190	\$75,000 ²
3	71.22	18-2296M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$977,760	\$1,127,760	\$75,000 ²
4	71.11	18-2323M	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$568,980	\$718,980	\$75,000 ²
5	70.22	18-2519M	Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$280,000	\$75,000 ²
6	70.00	18-2254M	Rescuing Threatened Trails	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$102,490	\$300,000	\$402,490	\$51,245 ²
7	69.89	18-2345M	Eastern Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$75,000	\$196,000	\$271,000	\$37,500 ²
8	69.56	18-2408M	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance	Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$66,809 ³
8	69.56	18-2525M	Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$280,000	\$75,000 ²
10	68.78	18-2255M	Maintaining the Olympic Peninsula	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$90,870	\$190,709	\$281,579	\$45,435 ²
11	68.33	18-2476M	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration	Pacific Crest Trail Association	\$109,809	\$110,250	\$220,059	\$54,905 ²
12	68.00	18-2590M	San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps Maintenance	San Juan Island Conservation District	\$82,346	\$68,195	\$150,541	\$41,173 ²
13	67.78	18-2271M	Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$151,000	\$301,000	\$75,000 ²
14	67.11	18-2312M	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$40,200	\$42,500	\$82,700	\$20,100 ²
14	67.11	18-2344M	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$20,900	\$27,800	\$48,700	\$10,450 ²
16	67.00	18-2527M	Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$75,000 ²



Funding is like a Ferry Boat



Alabama



Alaska



Arizona



Arkansas



California



Colorado



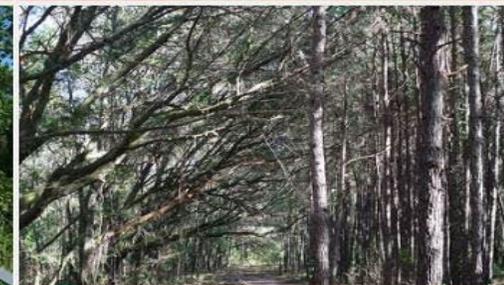
Connecticut



Delaware



District of Columbia



Florida



Lesson 1: So Many RTPs!

How would you like yours?

Grant Programs >

ALEA	>	FARR	>	OLG	>	WWRP - Forestland	>
BAFBRB	>	FFFPP	>	PRA	>	WWRP - Habitat	>
BFP	>	LWCF	>	RTP	>	WWRP - Recreation	>
BIG	>	NCLI	>	SALMON - PSAR	>	YAF	>
CFP	>	NOVA - Education	>	WCRI	>		
ESRP	>	NOVA - Trails	>	WWRP - Farmland	>		

Lesson 2: Differentiating Grants

How many ways can you fund a trail?

Differentiating Grants

GRANT AGREEMENT

Project Description:

- "Educate off-road vehicle users..."

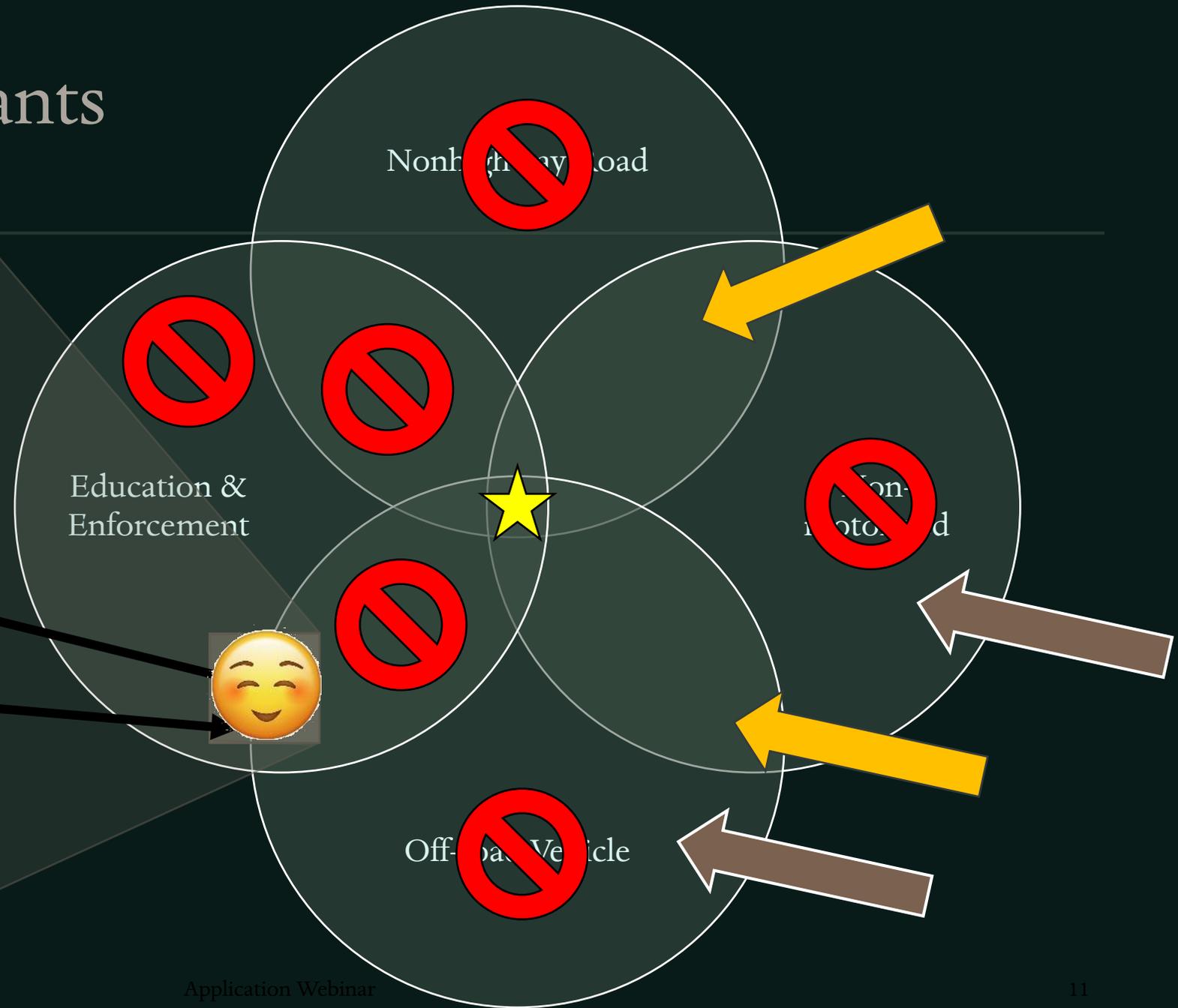
Scope:

- Buy UTV to transport project staff

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- Buy uniforms for staff

- ...



Differentiating – Simple Rules

R T P

- Snowmobiles
- Highway access
- Deferred maintenance
- Backcountry experience
- No roadside viewpoints
- Any trails nonprofits

N O V A

- No snowmobiles!
- Must be accessed by “non-highway” road
- Predominantly natural, but roadside viewpoints okay
- Off-road nonprofits

W W R P

- Urban okay, but not just a sidewalk
- No maintenance – acquisition & development only
- Land Trusts



Lesson 3: Nonprofit Strategy

A work in progress...



Nonprofits – Can They Save Snowmobile Patrols?



Lesson 4: Complexity

Inevitable, or no?



How Complex Is It?

“COMPLEXITY POINTS”

- 18 employees x 6 grants = 108 points
- 80 employees x 30 grants = 2400 points
- Is it just 22 times more complex?



Another way?

5 DAYS, 5 HOURS, OR 5 MINUTES



Lesson 5: Technology

Are you using the right tools for the job?



Evaluating Tech Solutions for Grant Funding

B A D

- Won't hold the data types you want.
- Keeps demanding more data but doesn't provide a return.
- Requires the same data multiple times.
- Can't function without a suite of other apps around it.





Evaluating Tech Solutions for Grant Funding

GOOD

- Fast, easy to put raw data in and get clean reports out
- Records, clearly shows processes
- If it is repeated, it should be automated
- Grow and evolve with new technology
- The data is yours, kept in an evergreen format
- Do your work where it is – don't context switch
- Use APIs
- Assumes the highest ability, but supports the lowest

Thank you

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