



The Recreational Trails Program & Clean Ohio Trail Fund

Grant Program Information and Application Updates

2012

Updated Information

Recreational Trails Program

Two major changes have taken place in the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) in 2012. The first change is to the environmental documentation that is needed for this program. On page 42 you will notice that a Category Exclusion (CE) Form has now taken the place of the previous environmental forms that were a part of previous grant cycles. Please take your time to become familiar with this new portion of the applicant as your projects eligibility for RTP will be based on the information contained on this form.

The second major change is related to the Federal Relocation Act. This act applies to constructions projects, as well as, to land acquisition projects. It is extremely important that read the information below along with the information in Attachment V, page 63 of the grant application. Failure to comply with the Federal Relocation Act can cause your project to be in ineligible for RTP funding.

Uniform Relocation Act Information

Under the RTP program any property being acquired, leased, already owned, and/or used for the trail project contained within this grant application must have been acquired following the rules set for in the Federal Uniform Relocation Act <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/ua/index.htm> and contained in Attachment V: Land Acquisition Criteria and Procedures, pages 63-75 of the RTP grant application.

If the grant applicant is already in possession of the property where the proposed RTP project will be constructed on the applicant must prove either the Uniform Relocation Act was followed when possession of the property took place or the

applicant can prove there was no intent to seek Federal Funding in conjunction with the acquisition of the property in question. If the property in question was purchased after September 2, 1971 and the acquisition procedures were not in accord with the Federal Uniform Relocation Act, yet at the time of application and last know displacement on the project lands, no planning or intent by the applicant to seek Federal financial assistance, then the applicant should include a signed Certification for Development Projects with their application. This form can be found in Appendix A-3 of the RTP grant application. If the applicant can not prove that the Uniform Relocation Act was followed when the property in question was purchased and/or there was an intent to seek federal funding of any kind to be used in conjunction with this property, then the proposed project will automatically be deemed ineligible for RTP funding.

All land acquisition criteria and procedures are contained in section Attachment III, pages 63 thru 75 of the RTP grant application. Please read through this section very carefully and comply with all of the criteria and procedures applicable to your project. Failure to comply with this section of the RTP grant application will automatically cause your application to be deemed ineligible for RTP funding.

If you have any questions regarding the Uniform Relocation Act, please contact: D'Juan Hammonds at 614-265-6417 or Djuan.hammonds@dnr.state.oh.us.

In-Kind Labor

The value of in-kind unskilled labor has been increased from \$12.00/hour to \$15.00/hour.

Clean Ohio Trails Fund

Environmental

Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) applicants will have to complete the same CE environmental form that RTP applicants are required to complete, except where noted in the CE form.

In-Kind Labor

The value of in-kind unskilled labor has been increased from \$12.00/hour to \$15.00/hour.