

## General Information on Major Transportation Funding Programs

Type of Grant	Name of Grant	Agency	Summary	Requirements/Information	Website	Submittal
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Land and Water Conservation Fund	Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 established a federal reimbursement program for the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation areas.	The LWCF is a 50-50 matching reimbursement program. The grant recipient must be able to fund 100% of the project while seeking periodic reimbursements. Counties, Cities, Towns, Tribal Governments, State Agencies, and Park and Recreation authorities are eligible to apply.	<a href="#">DCR LWCF Information</a>	Annually; Generally spring
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Virginia Land Conservation Foundation	Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	The purpose of the foundation is to provide state funding to conserve certain categories of special land which would be managed by the foundation. Those categories are open spaces and parks, natural areas, historic areas, and farmland and forest preservation. A portion of the fund may be used for developing properties for public use.	There are four application categories, and each has a particular set of criteria: Open Spaces and Parks, Natural Area Protection, Historic Area Preservation, Farmlands and Forest Preservation Applications can be submitted by agencies, localities, public bodies, and registered nonprofit organizations in accordance with application procedures.	<a href="#">DCR LCF Information</a>	Annually; Generally Summer
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Virginia Recreational Trails Program	Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal reimbursement grant program established to provide and maintain recreational trails and trails-related facilities.	Recreational trail grants are available to nonprofit organizations and government entities. The grant program provides funding for trail efforts that would not otherwise be possible. The program mandates that 30% of the total funds be used for motorized recreational trails, and 30% be used for non-motorized recreational trails. The remaining 40% is for multiple- use trails, including hiking, biking and equestrian use.	<a href="#">DCR Recreational Trails Program</a>	Annually; Generally Summer

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Sidewalks, Trails, and Bikeways	Safe Routes to School: Quick Start Mini-Grants	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	<p>Quick Start Mini-Grants can be used to fund a range of activities that encourage and enable children to safely walk and bicycle to school, including activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage safe walking, bicycling, and driving habits.</li> <li>• Increase the number of students walking and bicycling to school.</li> <li>• Emphasize physical activity and health.</li> </ul> <p>Funding limit is \$1,000.</p>	<p>Eligible applicants include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adult-supervised elementary or middle school groups or clubs.</li> <li>2. Adult-supervised high school groups/clubs that wish to partner with a nearby elementary or middle school.</li> <li>3. Faculty, staff, or parent volunteers at elementary or middle schools.</li> <li>4. Local governments and Tribal governments.</li> <li>5. Community-based or private nonprofit organizations that will work with a school to improve safety and/or increase the number of children who safely walk or bicycle to school.</li> </ol>	<a href="#">Safe Routes to School Program</a>	Year-round
Sidewalks, Trails, Highways, and Bikeways	Transportation Alternatives; Safe Routes to School Programs	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	<p>The purpose of the SRTS program is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;</li> <li>2. To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle</li> <li>3. To facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution near schools.</li> </ol>	<p>Funding awards are based on a competitive application process with funding reserved for strong applications that are well-developed including mapping and budgets, impact large numbers of students, and are at schools that strongly support walking and/or bicycling to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See details below for the TA Program.</li> <li>• Requires a 20% non-federal match.</li> <li>• Non-infrastructure projects are eligible through a separate application process.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Transportation Alternatives: Safe Routes to School Program</a>	Biennially (odd years); November 1

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Sidewalks, Trails, Greenways, Highways, and Bikeways	Transportation Alternatives	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	This program offers broad opportunities and federal funding for creative projects that integrate transportation into our communities and environment. These federal funds cannot be used for traditional highway projects or roadway improvements. They are for activities that go above and beyond common transportation practice.	To qualify for funds a project must meet three federal criteria: 1. Relate to surface transportation 2. Qualify under at least one of the 12 designated enhancement activities 3. Have a 20% local match  The program is available to all local governments.	<a href="#">Transportation Alternatives</a>	Biennially (odd years); November 1st
Highways, Sidewalks, and Bikeways	Highway Safety Improvement Program	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	VDOT provides funding to improve areas with an abnormally high incidence of crashes, including railroad crossings and bike-ped safety.	Potential projects are analyzed on an economic benefit/cost ratio. Local Governments and state agencies are eligible to apply.	<a href="#">Highway Safety Improvement Program</a>	Biennially (odd years); November 1st
Highways, Sidewalks, and Bikeways	Highway Safety Program	Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles	The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles provides money for projects or programs designed to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities. A wide range of transportation safety related activities are eligible for funding.	Local governments, law enforcement agencies, state agencies, academic institutions, and private non-profits can apply for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration pass-through funding for projects related to various areas of highway safety. Applications must support Virginia's primary transportation safety goal of reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes.	<a href="#">Highway Safety Program</a>	Generally Winter

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Highways and Bikeways	Recreational Access Program	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	The Recreational Access Program was developed to provide adequate access to public recreational facilities or historic sites operated by a state agency, a locality or a local authority. "Access" can either be provided by an access road or a bicycle facility.	Eligible projects include: construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and improvement of roads and bikeways to local and state-run recreational or historic facilities.	<a href="#">Recreational Access Program</a>	Rolling
Transportation, Public Transit, Sidewalks, and Bikeways	Smart Scale	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)/Department of Rail and Public Transit	Smart Scale is the primary funding source for transportation projects in Virginia. The program involves submission of projects through a grant application process which are then scored and ranked through objective measures. The Commonwealth Transportation Board then makes a final decision on project funding.	Approximately half of all federal and state funds for transportation projects is dispersed through the Smart Scale Program. To be eligible projects must meet a VTRANS need as described in the VTRANS Needs Assessment. No match is required. Jurisdictions, MPOs, PDCs, and transit providers can submit for funding.	<a href="#">Smart Scale</a>	Biennially (even years); September 1
Transportation, Greenways, Sidewalks, and Bikeways	Revenue Sharing	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	The Revenue Sharing Program matches funding for use by a county, city, or town to construct or improve its highway systems including bicycle and pedestrian facilities with limitations on the amount of state funds authorized per locality. The annual allocation of funds for this program is designated by the CTB.	Applications for program funding must be submitted online and require a 50-50 match between the jurisdiction and the state. The Commonwealth Transportation Board makes the final decision on project funding.	<a href="#">Revenue Sharing</a>	Biennially (odd years); November 1