FY26 Recreational Trails Program Funded Projects Summary

All totals are calculated from the Project Data sheet.

Program Totals	Amount
Projects Entered	17
Federal RTP Award	$2,296,603.27
Required Match	$255,178.14
Total Project Cost	**$2,551,781.41**

Use Category	Projects	Federal Award
Motorized	3	$709,570.07
Nonmotorized	7	$668,626.80
Diversified	5	$842,010.40
Safety and Education	2	$76,396.00

Region	Projects	Federal Award	Total Project Cost
Anchorage Area	1	$39,827.60	$44,252.89
Matanuska-Susitna Valley	3	$509,993.61	$566,659.56
Interior Alaska	1	$102,386.70	$113,763.00
Southwest/Kodiak	2	$267,262.00	$296,957.78
Southeast	5	$646,142.97	$717,936.64
Kenai Peninsula	4	$565,821.39	$628,690.43
Valdez-Cordova	1	$165,169.00	$183,521.11
Northern Alaska	0	$0.00	$0.00
Statewide	0	$0.00	$0.00
Other	0	$0.00	$0.00

Reviewer information

DOT&PF will charge 7.59% ICAP to each project awarded. This is estimated at $174,993.79 federal and $19,442.75 state.
Sitka Trail Repair and Lunch Creek Loop have been withdrawn by the awardee.
Project dates will be extended a year due to the delay in funding.

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Region	Recipient	Project Title	Project Number	Project Type	Use Category	Federal RTP Award	Required Match	Total Project Cost	Project Description	Project Start	Project End	Status
Southwest/Kodiak	DPOR - Interpretation & Education (	Buskin River Safety and Education Project	HFHWY00545	Safety and Education	Safety and Education	$67,262.00	$7,473.56	$74,735.56	At Buskin River SRA, the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) Interpretation and Education Unit will update the site signage, bulletin board information, and install additional interpretive panels along the campground trail to the beach and at the ADA fishing platform. This site has safety messaging that is required for its users, especially for bear awareness as bears frequent the river. For some of the panels, we will also partner with the Alutiiq Museum to include indigenous placenames, cultural information, and or Alutiiq language.	04/01/2026	09/01/2026	Approved
Kenai Peninsula	DPOR - Interpretation & Education (	Silver King SRA Groundwater Education Project	HFHWY00546	Safety and Education	Safety and Education	$9,134.00	$1,014.89	$10,148.89	At the Silver King State Recreation Area, the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) Interpretation and Education Unit proposes installing a new sign. This will be in coordination with the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR).	05/01/2026	09/30/2026	Approved
Southeast	City and Borough of Juneau	35 Mile ORV Riding Park (Phase III)	HFHWY00547	Construction/New Trail	Motorized	$299,551.47	$33,283.50	$332,834.97	The 35 Mile ORV Riding Park project will construct Juneau's first dedicated Off Road Vehicle Riding Park. Very few opportunities for summer motorized vehicle recreation exist in Juneau and this park will provide opportunities for all skill levels to recreate in a safe, fun, and sustainable park designed for motorized recreation. The entire project area encompasses approximately 565 acres of municipal land, and will offer a system of loop trails designed for diverse riding levels.	06/01/2026	11/30/2027	Approved
Matanuska-Susitna Valley	Big Lake Trails Inc.	New Tucker Sno-Cat for Grooming	HFHWY00548	Equipment	Motorized	$285,018.60	$31,668.73	$316,687.33	Big Lake Trails Inc. will purchase a new Tucker Sno-Cat to replace our 30+ year old Sno Cat.	05/01/2026	10/30/2028	Approved
Matanuska-Susitna Valley	Petersville Community NPC	Petersville Trails and Rescue Center (Ground Breaking PH III)	HFHWY00549	Trailhead/Trailside Facility	Motorized	$125,000.00	$13,888.89	$138,888.89	The Petersville Community Non-Profit Corporation (PCNPC) proposes to construct 40' x 60' Petersville Trails & Rescue Center, a multipurpose facility that will house snowcats and trail grooming equipment, serve as a base for search and rescue operations, and provide space for community uses. The Center will improve grooming efficiency, extend equipment life, and establish a reliable hub for emergency response in the heavily used Petersville trail system.	05/30/2026	12/31/2026	Approved
Southeast	City of Kake	Kake Community Nature Trail	HFHWY00550	Construction/New Trail	Nonmotorized	$195,360.00	$21,706.67	$217,066.67	The City of Kake proposes to restore an existing community trail, create a wildlife-viewing area, and conduct a feasibility study for a pedestrian bridge and waterfront viewing area. The project will improve trail safety, expand outdoor recreation opportunities, and enhance the community's access to local natural resources and scenic areas	01/01/2026	12/31/2026	Approved
~~Southeast~~	~~Alaska State Parks - Southeast~~	~~Phase 1 Lunch Creek Loop Trail~~	~~HFHWY00551~~	~~Rehabilitation~~	~~Nonmotorized~~	~~$54,000.00~~	~~$6,000.00~~	~~$60,000.00~~	~~Alaska State Parks is applying to repair trail sections in Settlers Cove Lunch Creek Loop Trail. This grant money will be used to on much needed trail repair, but also maintenance and upkeep of these trails making units safer and more enjoyable for the public. Grant will include funding for contractors, supplies, and additional crew support.~~	~~06/01/2026~~	~~12/01/2027~~	~~Withdrawn~~
Southeast	Haines Huts and Trails	Chilkat State Park Trail Repair Program	HFHWY00552	Rehabilitation	Nonmotorized	$87,120.00	$9,680.00	$96,800.00	Haines Huts and Trails, in collaboration with Alaska State Parks, is applying for the 2026 Recreational Trails Program Grant to hire a small crew to work on Chilkat State Park Trails. The crew will focus on repairing trails with treadwork, resurfacing, brushing, signage, and replacing infrastructure. If funded, the work would take place on the Battery Point, Mount Riley, and Ayiklutu Trails between April 1st and October 31st of 2026.	04/01/2026	10/01/2026	Approved
Anchorage Area	Friends of Eagle River Nature Cente	Eagle River Nature Center Trail Support and Equipment Improvements	HFHWY00553	Equipment	Nonmotorized	$39,827.60	$4,425.29	$44,252.89	Friends of Eagle River Nature Center (FERNC), in partnership with Chugach State Park (CSP), seeks Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding to purchase essential trail maintenance equipment, including a Polaris Ranger Crew with trailer, personal protective equipment (PPE), specialized hand tools, chainsaw, and cutting tools. These resources will strengthen FERNC's capacity to perform year-round trail maintenance on CSP trails managed by the Nature Center, improving safety, accessibility, and long-term sustainability for all users. In addition to supporting day-to-day maintenance, the Polaris Ranger will provide a critical boost to emergency readiness. Its use will enable CSP Park Rangers to respond to Search and Rescue (SAR) needs more quickly and with greater capability. This dual role of supporting both routine trail operations and emergency response ensures that the investment directly benefits park visitors, staff, and the broader community by strengthening both safety and stewardship.	05/01/2026	12/01/2026	Approved

Interior Alaska	Fairbanks North Star Borough - Parks & Recreation	Chena Lake Recreation Area River Park Trails Reroute Phase II	HFHWY00554	Rehabilitation	Nonmotorized	$102,386.70	$11,376.30	$113,763.00	The Chena River continues to erode large sections of the riverbank and adjacent trail. The eroding sections are threatening the viability of the looped system and pose a safety issue for recreationists. The more distant sections can no longer be accessed by maintenance vehicles and grooming equipment and will soon be inaccessible to trail users. This project intends to reroute eroded sections of the Chena Lake River Park trails, constructing approximately 800 feet of new trail. Two reroutes were completed through this funding program in 2022 and two remain in need. Construction will require clearing vegetation along the new corridor, placing a hardened gravel surface, and installing drainage features where necessary.	06/01/2025	10/30/2027	Approved
Kenai Peninsula	Alaska State Parks - Kenai	Tonsina Point Trail Improvements	HFHWY00555	Rehabilitation	Nonmotorized	$179,821.00	$19,980.11	$199,801.11	This project aims to improve the overall sustainability of the popular 2-mile trail from Lowell Point SRS to Tonsina Point SRS. Scope of work will include drainage improvements, trail tread repairs, and additional trail infrastructure, such as boardwalks and/or step and run puncheon. Work is proposed to commence in May and end in October 2026.	05/01/2026	11/01/2026	Approved
~~Southeast~~	~~Alaska State Parks – Southeast~~	~~Phase 1: Sitka Trail Repair~~	~~HFHWY00556~~	~~Rehabilitation~~	~~Nonmotorized~~	~~$10,111.50~~	~~$1,123.50~~	~~$11,235.00~~	~~Alaska State Parks is applying to repair trail sections in Halibut Point State Recreation Site, Mosquito Cove, and the Ben Grussendorf Forest and Muskeg. This grant money will be used to on much needed trail repair, but also maintenance and upkeep of these trails making units safer and more enjoyable for the public. Grant will include funding for contractors, supplies, and additional crew support.~~	~~06/01/2026~~	~~12/01/2027~~	~~Withdrawn~~
Southwest/Kodiak	City of Bethel	Bethel City Sub YK Trail	HFHWY00557	Construction/New Trail	Diversified	$200,000.00	$22,222.22	$222,222.22	The City of Bethel proposes that funding from this grant be used to construct a new gravel trail 2,800 linear feet long and 8 feet wide from City Subdivision to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation's Primary Care Center parking lot. This trail project is a collaboration between the City of Bethel (City) and Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC). The City and YKHC signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to formalize the partnership for this project in 2016.	05/01/2026	09/30/2027	Approved
Matanuska-Susitna Valley	Petersville Community Non-Profit	Tundra Matts	HFHWY00558	Rehabilitation	Diversified	$99,975.01	$11,108.33	$111,083.34	The Petersville Community Non-Profit Corporation (PCNPC) proposes to install tundra mats along sections of the Bonita Loop Trail to improve durability, protect sensitive wetlands, and ensure safe, sustainable access for all users. The Bonita Loop Trail is a popular multi-use route that supports snowmachine riders, ATV users, hunters, and recreational visitors. However, certain low-lying areas are prone to rutting, erosion, and water damage, making the trail difficult to traverse and contributing to long-term resource impacts.	05/30/2026	12/30/2026	Approved
Kenai Peninsula	Chugach National Forest	Chugach National Forest Trail Brushing	HFHWY00559	Maintenance/Restoration	Diversified	$193,406.39	$21,489.60	$214,895.99	This proposed project would fund a Student Conservation Association Corps Crew to provide trail brushing services across the Chugach National Forest, on the Cordova, Glacier, and Seward Ranger Districts. Targeted trails would include: Eyak River, Sheridan Lake, Pipeline Lakes, McKinley Lake, Resurrection Pass, Devil's Creek, Upper Winner Creek, and Trail of Blue Ice.	05/01/2026	11/30/2027	Approved
Valdez-Cordova	Valdez Adventure Alliance	ShoupBayTrailPh5	HFHWY00560	Rehabilitation	Diversified	$165,169.00	$18,352.11	$183,521.11	This project would build a 1,135 ft boardwalk across the meadow of the Shoup Bay Trail, linking the first mile that runs from the trailhead to the meadow, to the 2.5 miles that run from the meadow to Gold Creek Campground.	04/01/2026	11/30/2027	Approved
Kenai Peninsula	National Forest Foundation	Wolverine Trail Bridge - Iditarod National Historic Trail	HFHWY00561	Rehabilitation	Diversified	$183,460.00	$20,384.44	$203,844.44	This project is part of continued construction of the Iditarod National Historic Trail (INHT) and supports an extension of the trail to the Seward Highway. The project includes the supply and installation of a prefabricated 120-foot steel trail bridge at Wolverine Creek.	05/01/2026	12/31/2026	Approved