

Recreational Trails



RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

The newly enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), like the FAST Act before, continues to fund the recreational trails program (RTP) as a set-aside of the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. The amount of federal funding reserved for the RTP continues at the same levels provided under previous authorizations unchanged since 2009 at \$84 million. For RTP, a portion of the State of Kansas TA set-aside funds equal to the apportionment that the State of Kansas received for RTP in 2009 (with a 1 percent deduction being returned to FHWA for administration as outlined in the act) is the funding amount used for recreational trails in the four years of this STIP. For Kansas, this amount is \$1.37 million for each year of this STIP.

The stagnation in funding authorization for the RTP strains the ability of the program nationally, and of Kansas specifically, to meet the defined goals of the program. The inflation currently being experienced only exacerbates the situation. A review to assess whether the total amount of non-highway recreational fuel taxes transferred to the Highway Trust Fund for the RTP reflect the dollars being received in taxation by the federal government was completed in 2021

(https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/motorfuel/non-hwy_recreational_fuel_tax_estimate_report_2021.pdf). However, no changes were made, regarding this study, to the program funding amounts in BIL. The next most likely opportunity to change the RTP funding will be the next surface transportation authorization.

The RTP program provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized trail uses. The requirements and provisions under Section 206 of Title 23 remain in effect including the funding ratio requirement that 40 percent of funds be delegated for diverse use, 30 percent for motorized recreation use and 30 percent for non-motorized recreation use when making project selections.

In Kansas, at the authority of the Governor, administration of the recreational trails program is the responsibility of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) (<https://ksoutdoors.com/>). Since RTP projects are not under the administration of KDOT, the RTP projects are not included in project listings in Appendices A-C of this document. Instead, RTP master projects for the 2024-2027 Federal Fiscal Years STIP are listed on the pages following this

discussion. All RT projects are funded based on a ratio of 80 percent federal funds with a 20 percent local or state (KDWP) match.

KDWP is responsible for project solicitation, selection, and management of RTP projects. For further information concerning RTP in Kansas, please contact:

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All Dollar Amounts in \$1,000's- dollar amounts and percentages may be rounded.

		Preliminary Engineering		Right of Way		Utilities		Const + Const Engineering		Total Project Est Amt
Project Number	Work Type	WP Est Amount	Proj WP Obligation FFY	WP Est Amount	Proj WP Obligation FFY	WP Est Amount	Proj WP Obligation FFY	WP Est Amount	Proj WP Obligation FFY	
Fund Category	Federal Agreement Number	WP Est Obligation Amount	WP Fund Pro Rata	WP Est Obligation Amount	WP Fund Pro Rata	WP Est Obligation Amount	WP Fund Pro Rata	WP Est Obligation Amount	WP Fund Pro Rata	

Statewide

N/A	N/A	\$11	2024					\$1,581	2024	\$1,592
TA	RT24(001)	\$9	80.00%					\$1,265	80.00%	
KDWP (STATE)		\$2	20.00%					\$316	20.00%	
County: Statewide				Total Length (Miles):		Letting Type: STATE		NHS Project: N		
Name: KDWP Recreational Trail Projects										
Location: Statewide										
Scope: Statewide recreational trails projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2024										

N/A	N/A	\$120	2024							\$120
TA	RT24(002)	\$96	80.00%							
KDWP (STATE)		\$24	20.00%							
County: Statewide				Total Length (Miles):		Letting Type: STATE		NHS Project: N		
Name: KDWP Recreational Trail Projects										
Location: Statewide										
Scope: Statewide administrative costs related to the recreational trails program for Federal Fiscal Year 2024										

N/A	N/A	\$11	2025					\$1,581	2025	\$1,592
TA	RT25(001)	\$9	80.00%					\$1,265	80.00%	
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Statewide

N/A	N/A	\$11	2026					\$1,581	2026	\$1,592
TA	RT26(001)	\$9	80.00%					\$1,265	80.00%	
KDWP (STATE)		\$2	20.00%					\$316	20.00%	
County: Statewide		Total Length (Miles):		Letting Type: STATE		NHS Project: N				
Name: KDWP Recreational Trail Projects										
Location: Statewide										
Scope: Statewide recreational trails projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2026										

N/A	N/A	\$120	2026							\$120
TA	RT26(002)	\$96	80.00%							
KDWP (STATE)		\$24	20.00%							
County: Statewide		Total Length (Miles):		Letting Type: STATE		NHS Project: N				
Name: KDWP Recreational Trail Projects										
Location: Statewide										
Scope: Statewide administrative costs related to the recreational trails program for Federal Fiscal Year 2026										

N/A	N/A	\$11	2027					\$1,581	2027	\$1,592
TA	RT27(001)	\$9	80.00%					\$1,265	80.00%	
KDWP (STATE)		\$2	20.00%					\$316	20.00%	
County: Statewide		Total Length (Miles):		Letting Type: STATE		NHS Project: N				
Name: KDWP Recreational Trail Projects										
Location: Statewide										
Scope: Statewide recreational trails projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2027										

N/A	N/A	\$120	2027							\$120
TA	RT27(002)	\$96	80.00%							
KDWP (STATE)		\$24	20.00%							
County: Statewide		Total Length (Miles):		Letting Type: STATE		NHS Project: N				
Name: KDWP Recreational Trail Projects										
Location: Statewide										
Scope: Statewide administrative costs related to the recreational trails program for Federal Fiscal Year 2027										