



Trail Funding Program – Trail Infrastructure and Major Repairs Stream

Background

The Trail Infrastructure and Major Repairs Stream was designed to develop and implement planning and construction projects along the Trans Canada Trail that will increase and improve the quality and value of the network, as well as improve the safety and comfort of users. Further, this stream will work to ensure both the sustainability and integrity of the network and work to minimize the Trail being closed or rerouted at any given time.

Eligibility

- All applications must meet the general eligibility requirements outlined in Section 2 of the document: Trail Funding Program, 2022-2023 Program Framework
- Applications submitted must identify that they will meet all applicable codes, bylaws and regulations pertinent to the project and region
- Applicants must provide valid proof of liability insurance, as it pertains to the section of the Trail where the project is taking place
- Applicants must fill up the eligibility questionnaire at the beginning of the application form, and provide any additional information required.

Financial Support – Planning and Design Phases

TCT may provide financial support for consultations, design, planning or studies (engineering, environmental impact assessments, etc.), up to 50% of the eligible expenses. The maximum contribution for these types of projects is limited to \$50,000.

All studies that receive a contribution from TCT must be a precursor to a construction project; however, an approved contribution for design, planning or studies does not guarantee financial support from TCT for the construction phase of the project.

Financial Support – Construction Phases

TCT may provide financial support for the construction phase of a project, including major repairs, through this stream based on a percentage of eligible expenses. The maximum contribution amounts are limited to:

- Total project costs between \$1-\$25,000 may be funded up to 50% of eligible expenses
- Total project costs between \$25,001-\$50,000 may be funded up to 35% of eligible expenses

- Total project costs over \$50,000 are subject to review, but may not be funded at a higher percentage than 35% of eligible expenses.
- Maximum contribution of \$150,000 per project

Example of Eligible Projects

Planning and Design

- Trail design, consultation and planning for:
 - Public and/or community consultations
 - Environmental assessments
 - Geotechnical studies
 - New trail and improvements to existing trail
 - Drainage
 - Structural integrity of the Trail
 - Resurfacing
 - Cycling route improvements
 - Roadway crossings
 - Safety improvements
- Trail and access point design, consultation and planning for:
 - Water access points
 - Land-based access points
- Infrastructure design, consultation and planning for:
 - Bridges
 - Boardwalks
 - Street improvements
 - Motorized use mitigation
 - Safety improvements

Construction

- Construction of new Trail sections
- Creation of Trail access points
- Projects aimed at building or expanding paths and trails – greenway
- Projects that move towards four season connectivity/operation of the Trail

- Improvements to drainage and the structural integrity of the Trail, as well as resurfacing
- Widening of a Trail section to accommodate increased number of users
- Construction of a new bridge or rehabilitation of a bridge and its approaches
- Added viewpoints or points of interest
- Implementation of measures to regulate access to greenway sections
- Creation of a reserved bike lane or addition of cycling infrastructure that increases cycling safety
- Construction of a uniform trail surface Connection of the Trail to public transportation facilities, urban centres, schools and industrial zones to enable the safe development of active transportation
- Reconfiguration of an intersection to facilitate crossing for trail users
- Implementation of trail designs that limit the speed of users

Major Repairs

- Repairing damage to the Trail caused by:
 - Natural disasters or weather events
 - Increased usage
 - Animal activity
- General maintenance of the Trail including:
 - Trail surface work
 - Brush cutting
- Projects in aid of achieving four-season connectivity of the Trail
- Installing trail usage counters
- Mapping, trail audits and GIS work
- Small scale trail improvements to adapt to new active transportation technologies

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