

APPENDIX 13.1

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCE DETAILS

13.1.1 KODAK AMERICAN GREENWAYS GRANTS

Purpose:	The Kodak American Greenways Awards Program, a partnership project of the Eastman Kodak Company, the Conservation Fund and the National Geographic Society, provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America.
Funding Interests:	The organization is interested in funding activities such as mapping, eco-logical assessments, surveying, conferences and design activities; developing brochures, interpretative displays, audio-visual productions or public opinion surveys; hiring consultants; incorporating land trusts; and/or building footbridges, planning bike paths or other creative projects.
Geographic Focus:	Nationwide
Types of Support:	In general, grants can be used for all appropriate expenses needed to complete a greenway project, including planning, technical assistance, legal and other costs.
Grant Size:	The maximum grant is \$2,500. However, most grants range from \$500 to \$1,500.
Requirements & Limitations:	Awards will be given primarily to local, regional, or statewide nonprofit organizations. Although public agencies may also apply, community organizations will receive preference. Grants may not be used for academic research, general institutional support, lobbying, or political activities.
Grants will be awarded based on the following criteria:	Importance of the project to local greenway development efforts
	Demonstrated community support for the project
	Extent to which the grant will result in matching funds or other support
	Likelihood of tangible results
	Capacity of the organization to complete the project
Application Process:	Applications are due on June 1. Online applications and related hard copy materials must be received by that date. Applications or supplementary materials received after June 1 will not be considered. A postmark from June 1 will not be sufficient. To avoid mail delays, submittals by priority or overnight mail are encouraged. Faxed and e-mailed materials will not be accepted. Please submit all additional materials through the mail in one packet. The application packet should contain the two letters of reference; the 501(c)(3) status confirmation letter for non-profit organizations, documentation of public agency status for governmental organizations, or Social Security Number for individuals; and the one page budget. For further information on the required materials, see website.
Deadlines:	Applications may be submitted from March 1 through June 1 of each calendar year.
Recent Grants:	Grantee: Shorebank Enterprise Pacific, Ilwaco, Washington Purpose: Funding was given to create an urban Wetland Enhancement Trail on the Astoria River Trail (WET-ART), which will demonstrate innovations in wetland restoration, passive surface water management, and a public multi-use pathway.
	Grantee: Woodstock Conservation Commission Purpose: The grant funded a conceptual study for a greenway along the Little River in Woodstock, Connecticut. The greenway will protect a public drinking water supply, provide a wild-life corridor linking several parcels of open space, and link to other trails in adjacent towns.

13.1.2 NEVADA CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE PROTECTION (QUESTION 1) GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose:	The Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection (Question 1) Grant Program is designed to provide funding to citizens working to protect, preserve, and obtain the benefits of the property and natural resources of Nevada. The program was ballot Question Number 1, when the people of Nevada voted to publicly fund conservation programs through the issuance of bonds.
Funding Interests:	Project selection will be based predominantly on the project's ability to conserve and protect natural, scientific, cultural, archaeological, agricultural, paleontological, historical, wetland, or riparian resources. The project's ability to benefit the public towards an overall advancement in the conservation and protection of the natural resources of the state, an enhancement of recreational opportunities, increased public access to lands and waters, and the achievement of goals identified in adopted open space plans will also be considered.
Grants are awarded for the following project types:	Recreational trails
	Habitat conservation plans
	Open space plans
	Acquisition of land and interests in land
	Urban parks and greenbelts
	Carson River corridor
	Lake Tahoe path system
Geographic Focus:	Nevada
Types of Support:	Project
Grant Size:	There are no specified minimum or maximum funding levels.
Requirements & Limitations:	Grants may be awarded to counties, municipalities, state agencies, and non-profit conservation organizations. Projects that will achieve multiple purposes, leverage additional funding sources, and that are integrated with other existing projects (of the types describe above) are encouraged. Matching contributions of between 5 percent and 50 percent are required, depending upon project type. Program-specific matching requirements are posted on the website.
Application Process:	Applicants should submit one original, signed hardcopy and two photocopies of a completed general application, including required attachments, to Nevada Division of State Lands staff. The general application and additional resources are available on the website.
Deadlines:	The General Application acceptance period will be July 5 th to September 6 th or as determined by the State agency.

13.1.3 RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT, INC.

Purpose:	The mission of Recreational Equipment, Inc.'s (REI) grant program is to support grassroots efforts to protect public lands, rivers, and trails for muscle-powered outdoor recreation.
Funding Interests:	The corporation is interested in the preservation of wildlands/open space, advocacy-oriented education of the public on specific conservation issues, working to organize a trails constituency and to advocate for trails at the state and local levels, helping trails happen that are: mixed ownership, used for commuting, rail-to-trail conversion projects, mixed or diverse use, or used by road or mountain bicycles.
Geographic Focus:	Nationwide
Types of Support:	Project. The group will not fund conferences, direct services, fundraising, or research.
Grant Size:	Grants fall between \$1,000 and \$50,000.
Requirements & Limitations:	Organizations must have IRS 501(c)(3) status to be eligible for funding. The following are ineligible for support: Botanical gardens, individuals, museums, public agencies, religious organizations, research institutions, and zoos. Application Process: REI does not accept unsolicited grant requests and proposals. REI's grant program begins with employees nominating organizations to which they are personally committed, focusing on environmental conservation and outdoor recreation. Upon receiving nominations, those select organizations are invited to submit proposals. A store directory is available online.
Deadlines:	After organizations are invited to submit proposals, they will be informed of any deadlines.
Recent Grants:	Grantee: New Mexico Friends of the Forest, Tijeras, NM Amount: \$5,000 Purpose: Friends of the Forest is a volunteer organization supporting the US Forest Service in maintaining trails, providing educational opportunities, and directing volunteer support in needed areas. REI's support will go toward the development of a field guide of heavily used open spaces and national forests on the Sandia Mountains. This guide will be used by USFS volunteers, students, and teachers visiting the Sandia Mountain Natural History Center, and local outdoor clubs.
	Grantee: Phoenix Parks & Conservation Foundation, Phoenix, AZ Amount: \$5,000 Purpose: The Phoenix Parks and Conservation Foundation facilitates private sector and community participation in the restoration, development, and preservation of Phoenix parks and preserves. REI's support will go toward their work on a new trail, the Judith Tunnell interpretive trail. In partnership with City of Phoenix South Mountain Preserve and the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, they are revegetating damaged areas and completing signage for the barrier-free interpretive trail located in the South Mountain Preserve.

13.1.4 THE CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

Purpose:	The Conservation Alliance is a non-profit organization of outdoor businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots citizen-action groups and their efforts to protect wild and natural areas where outdoor enthusiasts recreate.
Funding Interests:	The Alliance funds projects focused primarily on direct citizen action and advocacy addressing protection and enhancement of natural resources for recreation, including rivers, trails, and wild lands.
Geographic Focus:	Nationwide
Types of Support:	Project Support
Grant Size:	Grants are typically between \$10,000 and \$50,000.
Requirements & Limitations:	The Conservation Alliance is not looking for mainstream education or scientific research projects, but rather for active citizen-action campaigns. To be considered, requests for general operating expenses or staff payroll must be integral to campaign implementation. Proposed activities should be quantifiable, should include a measure for evaluating success, and should show a good chance for closure or measurable results over a fairly short term (one to two years).
Application Process:	Direct proposals are not accepted. Applicants must be nominated by an Alliance member company. A list of member companies is posted on the Alliance web site. This process is used to keep the member companies actively involved in local environmental efforts and to weed out proposals that do not meet Alliance objectives.
Deadlines:	Proposals are reviewed in January and August.
Recent Grants:	<p>Grantee: Utah Rivers Council, Salt Lake City, UT Amount: \$33,000</p> <p>Purpose: To support the Great Salt Lake Coalition's efforts to build a constituency to protect the Great Salt Lake wetlands by bringing attention to proposed diversion of the Bear River, the lake's primary water source, and to proven alternative water conservation practices. The lake's wetlands represent vital habitat for 270 bird species, including nearly one-third of North America's migratory ducks. The Utah Rivers Council is a community-based, grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated to conservation and stewardship of Utah's rivers and sustainable, clean water sources for Utah citizens and wildlife.</p>
	<p>Grantee: Sierra Club Grizzly Bear Ecosystems Project, Bozeman, MT Amount: \$30,000</p> <p>Purpose: To rally public attention and prevent premature delisting of the grizzly bear as an endangered species, to develop measures to reduce the occurrence of human-bear conflicts, and to restore and protect bear habitat.</p>

13.1.5 FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM

<p>Purpose:</p>	<p>The Bicycle & Pedestrian Program of the Federal Highway Administration’s Office of Human and Natural Environment promotes bicycle and pedestrian transportation accessibility, use, and safety.</p> <p>Each State has a Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator in its State Department of Transportation to promote and facilitate the increased use of non-motorized transportation, including developing facilities for the use of pedestrians and bicyclists and public educational, promotional, and safety programs for using such facilities.</p> <p>The FHWA Bicycle & Pedestrian Program issues guidance and is responsible for overseeing that requirements in legislation are understood and met by the States and other implementing agencies.</p>
<p>Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program:</p>	<p>This program introduces a network of non-motorized transportation infrastructure facilities in 4 selected communities that connect directly with transit stations, schools, residences, businesses, recreation areas, and other community activity centers.</p> <p>The purpose of the program shall be to demonstrate the extent to which bicycling and walking can carry a significant part of the transportation load and represent a major portion of the transportation solution.</p>
<p>National Safe Routes to School:</p>	<p>This new program administered by the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) Office of Safety is designed to increase the number of children safely walking and biking to school. To learn more about the program, please visit the Safe Routes to School Website.</p>
<p>Application Process:</p>	<p>Program Guidance to aid in the implementation of the Safe Routes to School Program is available at http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/srtsguidance.htm.</p>

13.1.6 NEVADA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (FUNDING BY FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ADMINISTRATION)

Purpose:	The Nevada Recreational Trails Program provides funding for motorized, non-motorized, and diversified (shared use) recreational trails projects that are open to the public and use acceptable trail design standards.
Funding Interests:	Eligible projects include:
	Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
	Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages
	Purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment
	Construction of new recreational trails
	Acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property
	Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection
Geographic Focus:	Nevada
Types of Support:	The program provides grants for projects. Planning is eligible only if it is part of an on-the-ground trail project.
Grant Size:	Applicants may apply for as little as \$4,000 and as much as \$100,000 for eligible projects.
Requirements & Limitations:	Private individuals, organizations, special government districts, and city, county, state, and federal governments are eligible to apply. Administrative costs may be funded on a limited basis; however, they must pertain to the approved project and be included in the approved budget.
Recreational Trails Program funds cannot be used for the following:	Property condemnation
	Hand tools (shovels, rakes, pry bars, etc.)
	GPS units and digital cameras
	Feasibility studies
	Law enforcement
	Projects within the right-of-way of a railroad
	The facilitation of motorized access on otherwise non-motorized trails
	Improvements to roads or bridges accessible by regular passenger cars or sidewalks

Application Process:	Applications must include project scope, justification, budget, narrative and supporting documentation. The application form, instructions, and requirements are available on the website.
Deadlines:	Complete applications are usually due in the last Friday in February: 24 February 2006. The federal funds become available October 1st of each year and, generally Nevada State Parks distributes application packages in November.
Comments:	Applicants can contact the Nevada Recreational Trails Program for technical assistance. Technical assistance is provided for help with grant writing, trail construction, compliance with standards/guidelines, grant management, request for reimbursement, other sources of funding, references, ideas/brainstorming, and general questions.
Recent Grants:	<p>Grantee: Friends of Wilson Canyon, Yerington, NV</p> <p>Amount: \$9,488</p> <p>Purpose: Funding was given to erect barriers to protect the exposed hillsides on the US Forest Service (USFS) side of the road as well as those near the private property fence on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) side. These barriers will consist of a combination of fabricated railroad tie barriers and 2-3 foot diameter native rocks. The project also led to the installation of informative signage in the camping and day use areas. These signs will show the trail and camping areas, explain the rules and code of conduct for the area, and inform area users of the various recreation opportunities in the Wilson Canyon area. Funding was also given to GPS map all existing trails on both BLM and USFS lands. Once the trails are defined, the group will work with the respective agencies to determine the most appropriate routes, and erect signs trail users can use to follow loops back to the staging areas.</p>

13.1.7 ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

<p>General Information:</p>	<p>The Transportation Enhancement Program was established by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 and was continued, with minor modifications, under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).</p> <p>Transportation enhancements are transportation-related activities designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the Nation's intermodal transportation system. The transportation enhancements program provides for the implementation of a variety of non-traditional projects, such as the restoration of historic transportation facilities, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, landscaping and scenic beautifications, and mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff.</p>
<p>Purpose:</p>	<p>To ensure the requirement that 10% of Surface Transportation Program funds be set aside for transportation enhancement activities. The transportation enhancements program provides for the implementation of a variety of non-traditional projects, such as the restoration of historic transportation facilities, scenic beautification and mitigation of water pollution.</p>
<p>Deadline:</p>	<p>December</p>
<p>Application Process:</p>	<p>Applications for enhancement projects are solicited on a 2-year cycle, beginning in July, with the application due in December. Prior to July of the application year, NDOT holds a workshop, which is video conferenced from NDOT Headquarters to centralized locations around the state. The workshops are advertised for public participation and letters are sent to all the counties and major cities requesting their participation. Only applications submitted to NDOT by state agencies, eligible federal agencies, city/county governments or other eligible local public agencies (including general improvement districts), and tribal governments will be accepted for consideration. Private groups may apply for project funding, but must apply through a public entity or agency. Projects must be for an eligible enhancement activity and must be related to surface transportation. A local match of 5 percent is required for this program.</p> <p>Applications for projects located within metropolitan planning areas must be submitted through the designated metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The State's designated MPOs are the Regional Transportation Commissions of Southern Nevada and Washoe County, the Tahoe MPO, and the Carson Area MPO. Copies of all applications submitted to the MPOs must also be sent to the NDOT. All other applications for projects must be submitted directly to the NDOT. Following an extensive review of the application for eligibility and consistency with state and federal requirements, projects are prioritized for funding by the Statewide Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (STTAC).</p> <p>Projects from the urban areas are initially prioritized by the area's MPO. A special subcommittee of the STTAC prioritizes projects from the non-urban areas of the state. The STTAC approves the subcommittee's selections and recommends to NDOT a final priority list of projects. Once approved by NDOT, the enhancement projects are included in the applicable MPOs Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIP) and in the State's Transportation Systems Project (TSP) document. The TSP, including the RTIPs, is sent to FHWA for final approval. Selected applicants are notified as to whether or not their project was selected for funding. NDOT retains responsibility for the projects funded under the Enhancement Program.</p>

13.1.8 POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

State Ballot Question 1 Funds:	\$10 million dollars is earmarked for recreation, restoration, and enhancement projects on the Carson River. All Question 1 funds must be dedicated to projects by November 5, 2008. Some projects may continue to see reimbursements as late as 2011. All bond funds sold are to be expended within three years of issuance. For this reason, projects that are deemed ready to be implemented should rank higher to insure timely expenditure of funds.
Nevada Division of Wildlife	The Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) can work through their federal aid program to procure grants and funds. The funding available depends on the scope of the project. Habitat and access improvements would be eligible for funding. In addition, NDOW has allocated funding for projects with Question 1 funds.
Concessionaire Fees:	In order to pay back improvements made to the Yampa River, the county instituted a “per-head” tax on the river equipment concessionaires. The park paid for itself within the first year and subsequent funds allowed the county to increase the maintenance and development of other recreation facilities. A similar fee could be imposed on Carson River concessionaires for equipment rental or guided river trips.
Donations:	In Farmington, New Mexico, a significant percentage of the annual city budget was devoted to construction of their whitewater park. The total park costs should have been \$300,000 but because of donated labor and materials it cost \$60,000.
General Funds and Capital Funds:	Cities such as Vail, Colorado, Farmington, New Mexico, and Boulder, Colorado paid for their river parks and improvements with capital funds. Carson City could potentially use city funds to partially pay for improvements.
GRANTS	
Recreation Trails Program:	Nevada State Parks administers the Recreational Trails Program in Nevada by awarding grants to successful applicants each year, on a competitive basis. Applicants may apply for up to \$100,000; a minimum 20% match is required for each trail project. Funding may be used to construct new trails, enhance existing trails, build trailside facilities, as well as to modify and remove dams. Eligible applicants include individuals, private organizations, municipal, county, and State and Federal government entities.
Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) Program:	The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 is a federal program that provides matching grants to states and through the states to local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The L&WCF assistance is provided on a 50/50 matching basis to individual projects. These projects are submitted through the Nevada State Parks liaison officer to the National Park Service for approval. There have been 240 projects funded by L&WCF since 1965.
PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	
The Conservation Fund:	The Conservation Fund forges partnerships to protect America’s legacy of land and water resources. Through land acquisition, community initiatives, and leadership training, the Fund and its partners demonstrate sustainable conservation solutions emphasizing the integration of economic and environmental goals. Access and trails, including river trails, are types of projects that would match well with the goals of the Fund.
American Conservation Association, Inc.	Grants from \$5,000 to \$40,000 in areas including the environment, conservation of natural resources and recreation.
The William T. Kemper Foundations	Grants from \$1,000 to \$50,000 in areas including community development, the environment and recreation.
The William Kenney Watershed Protection Foundation	Grants from \$5,000 to \$15,000 in areas including work to protect rivers in the western United States.

The Union Pacific Foundation	UP concentrates its support in communities where the company has significant operations (including Nevada) and provides grants in areas related to natural resources and the environment among other things.
David and Lucile Packard Foundation	Grants up to \$300,000 (based on previous grantees) to nonprofits in areas including conservation and the community.
Watershed Protection Foundation	Grants from \$7,500 to \$15,000 to 501(c)3 organizations that seek to protect river ecosystems in the west.
Power Bar Inc. Direct Impact on Rivers and Trails (DIRT) Grant	Grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for projects that create, maintain, improve or restore access to valued recreational areas.
REI Community Recreation Grants	Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000 (financial support or REI-crafted gear) to nonprofit organizations for support of recreation opportunities linked to muscle-powered recreational activities.

