

1 Introduced May 12, 2020, by Councilman
2 Borchert, seconded by Councilman Tamborella,
3 (by request of Administration)

4 **RESOLUTION R20-12**

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6 A resolution of the Slidell City Council, as Governing Authority of the City of
7 Slidell, Louisiana, approving an application for grant funds, and matters ancillary thereto,
8 with/from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration
9 (FHWA) Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL), as established by CFDA
10 (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance) 20.219.

11 WHEREAS, the United States Government provides funds to the State of
12 Louisiana for grants to state, local, and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop, and/or
13 maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

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15 WHEREAS, the FRTPL has been delegated the responsibility for the
16 administration of the program within the State of Louisiana and for setting up necessary
17 procedures governing project application under the program; and

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19 WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the
20 approval of an application before the submission of said application; and

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22 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell wishes to proceed with such an application.

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24 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it
25 hereby:
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30 1. Approves the filing of an application with FRTPL in a form consistent with that
31 attached hereto as part of *In Globo* Attachment 1 for a project consistent with that
32 described in the attached *In Globo* Attachment 2; and

33 2. Certifies that the City of Slidell has or will have available prior to commencement of
34 any work on the project included in the referenced application, sufficient funds to build
35 (including 20% local match), operate and maintain the project; and

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37 3. Authorizes and approves the Mayor of the City of Slidell, directly or through his
38 designee, as the agent of the City of Slidell to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit
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4 all documents, including, but not limited to the application, letter of commitment
5 agreement, amendments, payment requests and the completion report, which may be
6 necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

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8 **ADOPTED** this 12th day of May, 2020.

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12 Bill Borchert
13 President of the Council
14 Councilman-at-Large

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17 Thomas P. Reeves
18 Council Administrator

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Project Number (office use only):
Federal _____

Louisiana Recreational Trails Program

Project Application

General Information:

1. Amount Requested: \$ _____ 2. Total Cost of Trail Project: \$ _____
(Column A in Budget) (Column A + B + C in Budget)

3. Trail Project Sponsor: _____

4. Type of Sponsor: ___ Federal Agency ___ State Agency ___ Local Agency ___ Non-profit Organization
___ Partnership (more than one explain) or Other: _____

5. Tax ID No.: _____ DUNS No.: _____ DOA Vendor Registration No.: _____

6. Sponsor Address: _____
_____ Zip Code (nine-digit) _____

7. Sponsor Contact / Responsible Charge:

_____ Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____
Mobile Number: _____ Email address: _____

8. Trail Project Name: _____

9. Parish Where Trail Is Located: _____ 10. Congressional District: _____

11. State Representative: _____ State Senator: _____

12. Land Classification: ___ Public ___ Private ___ Combination (explain): _____

13. Ownership: (Who will own and maintain the completed project?) _____

14. Does this project link to or is it an integral part of any other trail(s)? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, explain: _____

15. Project Location * (give physical address with nine digit zip code and directions to site from nearest marked intersection):

** Application must include a Site Plan, Map (printed) precisely identifying the project location (showing nearest marked intersection) and a Vicinity Map showing the surrounding area / neighborhood.*

15a. GPS Coordinates of entrance to project: _____

16. Primary Use: (check all that apply) _____ Hiking/Walking _____ Fitness/Jogging _____ Equestrian
_____ Paddling/Canoeing _____ ATV/Motorcycle/OHV _____ Interpretive/Nature
_____ Cycling /Mountain Biking

17. List linear feet, miles or acres for each of the following that applies to this project:
Non-routine Maintenance: _____ Restoration (usage damage): _____
Trailside/trailhead facilities: _____ New Trail Construction: _____
Acquisition: easement- _____ fee simple- _____
Other (specify): _____

18. Narrative Description of what will be constructed (describe in sufficient detail, the work to be accomplished under this project and how the work will be done):

19. Time Table (give a proposed timetable for the accomplishment of this work):

	Start Date (mm/yy)	Scope of work to be accomplished (description)
Phase I:	_____	_____
Phase II:	_____	_____
Phase III:	_____	_____
Phase IV:	_____	_____
Phase V:	_____	_____
Final Phase:	_____	_____

20. Estimated Project Budget:

	(A)* Grant Request	(B)* Sponsor Cash	(C)* In-Kind Match**
Scope Item 1. Design, Surveying, Engineering, Inspection, Testing and/or GPS mapping: *	_____	_____	_____

Scope Item 2: Tools and Equipment purchase or rental:	_____	_____	_____

Scope Item 3: Material / Supplies Costs (specify use, material, quantity):	_____	_____	_____

Scope Item 4: Direct Labor Costs (specify):	_____	_____	_____

Scope Item 5: Acquisition (easement cost or purchase price):	_____	_____	_____

Scope Item 6: Contractor Services (specify):	_____	_____	_____

Scope Item 7: Other Costs (specify):	_____	_____	_____

TOTALS	_____	_____	_____
	(A)	(B)	(C)

A = Amount Requested (1. on page 1): not to exceed 80% of the Total Cost of the Project.

A + B + C = Total Cost of the Project (2. on page 1)

B + C = Total Matching Funds (2. - 1. on page 1): must be, at least, 20% of the Total Cost of the Project.

Definition of in-kind match: Value of **donated equipment, material, services or volunteers. *Properly documented administrative staff time and overhead may be counted as in-kind services.*

21. Socioeconomic Issues: Will the proposed project negatively impact any of the following? (circle answer No or Yes and if Yes, explain)

a. Health/Education Facilities No Yes explain: _____

b. Emergency Service Providers No Yes explain: _____

c. Handicapped, Minorities, Elderly	No	Yes	explain: _____
d. Economic Activity	No	Yes	explain: _____
e. Public Utilities	No	Yes	explain: _____
f. Local Tax Base	No	Yes	explain: _____
g. Residential Areas	No	Yes	explain: _____
h. Environment	No	Yes	explain: _____

Additional Documentation Required:

Applications approved for funding may require additional documentation prior to issuance of a fully executed Letter of Commitment Agreement by the FRTPL Office. It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure the required documentation, permits, etc. and submit them to the FRTPL office.

Please check the appropriate ones that may apply to this project.

Work on Public Lands ____

Organizations and individuals receiving grant approval for work on public lands will be required to enter into a separate agreement with the agency(s) to undertake the work. Approval by the land manager for long-term commitment of property will also be required. (See separate form.)

Work on Private Lands ____

Any grant recipient receiving approval for work on private lands must enter into an easement or other legally binding agreement that ensures public access to the recreational trail. The owner of the private land must provide a signed statement stipulating that they are willing to ensure public access to the trail improvements funded by the grant. (See separate form.)

Federal Requirements ____

Grant recipients receiving approval to acquire an easement or purchase land in fee simple will be required to comply with the terms of TITLE II and TITLE III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970 and the applicable requirement and procedures implementing such Act and other provisions of federal laws and executive orders as identified under the project agreement and general provisions.

Documentation of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other Federal environmental laws, regulations, and executive orders must be provided prior to project approval under the Recreational Trails Program. It should be expected that most trail projects would qualify as Categorical Exclusions (CE) under NEPA. Each project, however, shall be reviewed by FHWA/DOTD to assure that it does not have a significant negative impact on the environment. A letter of approval from FHWA/DOTD shall be written before FRTPL shall execute a Letter of Commitment Agreement with a project sponsor/grantee. All permits are the responsibility of the project sponsor.

Trail Project Justification

Please explain on a separate sheet of paper how the project meets the following project selection criteria.

Trail and Trail Site (0-23 total points):

- Describe the trail project that will be built and the trail site **(0-13 points)**.
- Describe the natural setting and features and/or built environment **(0-6 points)** of the trail.
- Describe the fitness/exercise aspects **(0-4 points)** of the trail.

Planning Process and Community Support (0-15 total points):

- Describe the planning process for the project. Attach the site plan, conceptual design, etc. **(0-4 points)**.
- Document the use of professionals **(0-3 points)** such as landscape architects, engineers, planners, etc.
- Describe the participation or assistance provided to this project **(0-3 points)** by public agencies, private industry, or special interest/ nonprofit groups.
- Describe the degree of support for this project from trail user groups, community leaders and organizations, service organizations, recreation and environmental groups, schools, churches, businesses, and other non-governmental groups. **(0-5 points)**.

Partnerships/Volunteerism/Excessive Match (0-12 total points):

- Describe the degree to which the trail project involves interagency cooperation and public/private partnerships between trail users, private interests within the area, and public agencies. **(0-3 points)**
- Provide information about donations and volunteer services **(0-3 points)** that will be used to accomplish this project. Is there a "trail-adopter" group for the project? **(0-2 points)**
- Does the project sponsor provide more than the required local funding match of 20% and/or request less than the maximum grant amount? **(0-4 points)**

Connections And Transportation Value (0-15 total points):

- Describe the degree to which project provides connections or linkages **(0-7 points)** to other trails, greenways, blueways or waterways, natural or scenic corridors, parks, or recreation areas.
- Describe the active transportation value **(0-8 points)** of the trail in the community. Does the trail connect neighborhoods, commercial sectors, social, cultural and/or governmental centers, etc?

Economic and Neighborhood Revitalization (0-5 total points)

- Describe the economic and neighborhood revitalization benefits of this trail.
 - a. How does the project help economically revitalize the community?
 - b. How does the project help revitalize (physically, culturally, socially, etc.) the neighborhood of the trail?

Trail Corridor Sharing (0-5 total points)

- Describe how the trail project can accommodate a variety of motorized (ATV's, OHV's, motorcycles) and/or non-motorized recreational trails activities (hiking, cycling, equestrian, fitness, interpretive, paddling, multi-use, mountain biking, accessible for persons with disabilities).

Trail Use Promotion and Education (0-5 total points)

- Describe how you will make the public more aware of trail opportunities, etiquette and rules, outdoor education, or sharing the trail by publicizing and promoting this trail project.

- Describe the use of kiosks, signage, maps or printed material, and the internet to promote and facilitate the use of the trail.

Maintenance and Environmental Mitigation (0-10 total points)

- Describe the degree of commitment (on-going funding; governmental, private or non-profit sponsorship; or trail adopters) to continue operation and maintenance of the project after grant money is no longer available.

(0-5 points)

- Describe how the project provides for the design, construction, location or redesign, reconstruction, or relocation of the trail and/or trailhead in order to mitigate and minimize the impact to the natural environment and the need for ongoing maintenance, thus making for a sustainable project. **(0-5 Points)**

Project Sponsor Recreational Trails Program Grant History (0-10 total points)

- Provide details regarding the total grant funds received by the project sponsor/applicant from the recreational trails program in the last ten years.

a. Are there any past grants? If so, were the past grants completed in a timely and successful manner and are they being maintained and utilized? **(0-4 points)**

b. Are there any open grants? If so, what is the status of the open grant(s)? **(0-4 points)**

-Are additional applications being submitted by applicant or other applicants in the same parish? **(0-2 points)**

Approval by Land Manager and/or Owner

Name of Project: _____

Name of Project Sponsor: _____
(name of government or organization)

Name of Land Owner / Operator / Manager (governmental, non-profit, business entity or individual):

As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The trail project or facility will remain accessible for public use for not less than thirty years.
2. The project as described in this application has my approval.
3. If this project is located on federal lands, the project is in compliance with all applicable laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act requirements, and has a decision to proceed. (decision letter must accompany grant application).

signature of land manager Date

print or type land manager official's name and title

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Certification of Signatures

Name of Project: _____

**Name of Project
Sponsor:** _____

As the official designated to represent the application sponsor, I am requesting funding assistance from the FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana and I agree to the following:

1. The application sponsor has the ability and intent to finance its share of the project costs, including upfront costs, 20% local match, long-term management and maintenance.
2. Actual project development will not start until a commitment agreement has been signed and the project will be completed within one year after the execution date of the commitment agreement.
3. If this project is approved, expenditure documentation submitted will reflect only those items listed in the project budget. Any changes must first be approved by a project amendment.
4. The project contact listed below will be the responsible charge for this project.

Name and Title of Authorized Official of Project Sponsor

Signature of Official

Date

Name and Title of Project Contact

Signature of Project Contact

Date

Note: Submit one original application to:

Louisiana Office of State Parks
Division of Outdoor Recreation, Recreational Trails Program
1051 N. Third Street, Room 307, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5239

**FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana
Project Narrative Abstract
Tammany Trace to Heritage Park
Slidell City Council – May 2020**

The City of Slidell intends to apply for funding from the FHWA Recreational Trails Program, a federal grant opportunity. This grant application is due on July 1, 2020. The funding request will be approximately \$500,000.00. The required match for the City of Slidell will be at a rate of 20%, with the Federal cost share at 80%. However, this grant allows an in-kind match to account for the 20% match commitment. For this in-kind match, the City may utilize costs from personnel, city services, city equipment costs, etc. that are performing service on this project.

This is a reimbursement program.

The FHWA grant will be submitted to continue the mission of funding the connection of the Tammany Trace to Heritage Park. The funding from this award may be used to fund an entire project, or, in this case, a component of the project. In example, the funding may be used for no more than 5% of engineering and design costs, and the remaining 95% may be used to connect a portion of the St. Tammany Trace to Heritage Park. Currently, there are three options currently being reviewed for route connection (see attached mapping). In addition to this funding request, the City of Slidell is reviewing additional funding options for this overall project.

A requirement of this grant is for a resolution to be passed by Slidell's City Council that states that the Council understands the project and supports the commitment via the wording of the resolution. In addition, this resolution will assist the City of Slidell's grant writing team in approaching potential state and federal funders to further seek and secure commitments to the overall project costs. The Tammany Trace to Heritage Project is currently estimated to cost approximately \$2-5 million to complete a safe ground level trail. Optional tunnels at two crossing locations on Hwy 190 are estimated to cost an additional \$4 million. The completed ground level trail would be safely usable without the two optional tunnel locations. Several funding applications and opportunities must be explored, and submitted, to finalize this project.

Tammany Trace to Heritage Park

