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Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
So, active projects are not eligible; what do you consider an active project?	Active projects mean there is currently a RTP grant on the project site that has not closed and been reimbursed.
Are Intergovernmental Agencies (Joint City/County Agency) eligible to apply directly, or would we need to apply through our respective City or County?	Generally, the City or County must apply as RTP doesn't permit joint applications. However, please send us more specifics to review.
Is there a time requirement for the Project Public Participation? (i.e. Does it need to have been held in the last 3 months, 6 months, 1 Year, etc.?)	The meeting must be held in the current year or within the previous 3 years of an application. Meetings must have been taken place prior to the end of the submission period.
Is there a document that outlines what elements receive what number of points?	Yes, please see the table in RTP Rule 62S-2.073, F.A.C., Evaluation Criteria.
Did I hear her refer to an Exhibit U when earlier discussing the budget or am I imagining things?	Yes, the proof of match should be labeled as Exhibit U.
Considering FDEP's strong paperless initiative, why are you requiring paper submittals?	We don't currently have a mechanism in place to accept applications in an electronic format at this time. We are working toward that.
Can we submit the same project for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and RTP? If No, Can we submit the same project site but request funding for different elements? Ex. LWCF request parking, picnicking, restrooms, and nature trail. RTP request Accessible trail, kayak launch and trail head?	Unfortunately not. You may not submit the same project for both RTP and LWCF nor can you submit for different elements in overlapping funding cycles. You have to choose if you wish to submit a LWCF or RTP project for funding consideration.

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<p>Another question we have is, is it possible for one entity to be awarded both - LWCF and RTP, if the scores rank high enough to be funded?</p>	<p>Unfortunately not. A grantee will be awarded only funding for one project under one program. If you submit an application under both programs, we will require you to select which program you want to proceed with.</p>
<p>Can T. Mark Schmidt grant funding be used as a match?</p>	<p>Upon further research, the T. Mark Schmidt grant cannot be used as RTP match, only cash or in-kind service costs can be used. Pursuant to RTP Rule 62S-2, F.A.C., "match" is defined as the provision of cash or in-kind service costs in the ratio required by this rule to be added to the RTP funds by the grantee for the project cost and "cash" is defined as money paid by a grantee to purchase goods and services from private and independent sources for accomplishment of a Recreational Trails Program project; in-kind service costs are not considered cash. However, the T. Mark Schmidt grant does allow the local match requirement to be satisfied by using grant funds from other sources, which means RTP funds can be used to match the T. Mark Schmidt grant requirements.</p>
<p>Are planning and design cost eligible for funding?</p>	<p>Planning and design costs are eligible but must be listed as a element in your scope of work. These expenses cannot exceed 15% of the total project costs. Planning expenses such as application preparation, surveys (boundary and topographic), title searches, project signs, architectural and engineering fees, permitting fees, project inspection fees, and other similar fees are eligible for reimbursement.</p>
<p>Are preagreement expenses allowed, such as survey and design?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">62S-2.070 Definitions.</p> <p>(28) "Pre-agreement Expenses" means expenses incurred by a grantee for accomplishment of an eligible RTP project prior to full execution of a project agreement.</p> <p>Preagreement costs are only allowed between the period of FHWA approving the priority list and the grant agreement being executed. Any expenses before this period are not permitted.</p>
<p>Looking to develop OHV facility, if we complete site development could we lease to a commercial business to operate?</p>	<p>FHWA advises the operation by another party is generally facilitated through a concessionaire agreement.</p>
<p>If a parcel of land received a FRDAP or L&WCF funding 10 years ago, could you apply for a</p>	<p>Yes, as long at the FRDAP and LWCF grants have been closed, you may submit an application for this project site with different elements.</p>

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RTP grant for different project elements?	
For a motorized trails project, would camping/RV sites and an amphitheater be considered support elements?	No. FHWA specifies that the elements must support the trail or trailhead facilities. These elements would not qualify. RTP grant funds may be used to develop trails, trailhead and trailside facilities and related support facilities.
For the Conceptual Plan, does it have to be signed and sealed?	Yes. Signed, sealed, and dated by an insured, registered architect, engineer or landscape architect.
Has the department considered using an online submittal process, perhaps sometime in the future?	Yes, we are working on online submittals. We are currently developing the FRDAP program and will move through to our other programs in the near future.
Looking at the most recent Priority List, it appears that no application was denied due to low scoring. Is that correct? In other words, if past years are any indication, it would be likely that applications providing an 80:20 match would be competitive, providing the application is complete and meets the purpose of the RTP program.	Yes, no project application for FY19-20 was ineligible due to low scoring. However, additional funding was provided by FHWA to fully fund the FY19-20 priority list. We can't say that this is going to happen again this year.
Can you give examples of projects that have required an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?	Depends on the project site. Please visit https://www.fdot.gov/environment/sched/oemtrainingprograms/tandalonetrainingevents/FDEP-2020.shtm for additional information.
Not knowing ahead of time what the costs of your Task 1 would be, do we just estimate these costs in our application budget?	Yes, you can estimate the costs associated and then can adjust later on. Please remember that planning expenses (design, engineering, permitting, etc.) cannot exceed only be 15% of the total project costs.
Proof of Match: If no matching funds are proposed, is the applicant still eligible for award? Still eligible, but zero points for matching ratio?	No, all RTP grants require a match. Match can be provided on a 50:50, 60:40, or 80:20 (Program/Grantee) matching basis.
You mentioned "required match". Is the match suggested or required?	Minimum match of 20% is required.
Is there an application page limit?	No, we receive varying pages in each application. An editable pdf and word doc of the application package is available on the RTP website.

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What is the total funds available under this Program? What is the maximum an applicant can apply for?

motorized = \$1,000,000; nonmotorized diverse use = \$500,000; nonmotorized single use = \$400,000