

## 2024 RTP Scoring Criteria

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Question

Sect. II.A Project Need A (New trail and water trail access construction projects only - skip for existing trail maintenance and amenities)		20 possible		
14.	<b>Degree of Need (select from range)</b>	Point Range	Points	
	Severity of need	0-3		
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>3</b>	
15.	<b>Nature-based Recreation Access Model/ParkServe or Water-based Recreation Access Model need (select from list)</b>	Point Range	Points	
	Project area has demonstrated need for new recreation based on the DCR Nature-based Recreation Access Model or Trust for Public Land ParkServe Model (land trails) OR Water-based Recreation Access Model (water trails)	0-3		
	• High or Very High (3 pts)			
	• Moderate (2 pts)			
	• Low (1 pt)			
	• Very Low or None (0 pts)			
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>3</b>	
16.	<b>New Public Access and ConserveVirginia (select one)</b>	Point Range	Points	
	Project will provide public access to a property that was not previously open to the public	0-3		
	• Yes, and project area intersects at least one ConserveVirginia layer (3 pts)			
	• Yes, but project area not within ConserveVirginia (2 pts)			
	• No (property previously open to the public), but project provides new public access to a significant feature (1 pts)			
	• No (property previously open to the public), and project does not provide new public access to significant features (0 pts)			
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>3</b>	
17.	<b>Virginia Outdoors Plan (SCORP) needs (add all that apply)</b>	Point Range	Points	Total
	Project creates a community linkage (for example: between neighborhoods, to/from community features, between parks)	0-2		
	Project is listed as (2 pts) or connected to (1 pt) a regional feature project in the VOP (2018)	0-2		
	Trail networks (select one or none)	0-3		
	• Project is part of a proposed state-wide trail or state connecting trail identified in the Trails chapter of the most recent VOP/ VOP Mapper (land trails) or along blueway or scenic river identified in the VOP Mapper (water trails) (3 pts)			
	• Project not a state-wide or state connecting trail but completes a critical gap in a trail system (2 pts) or lengthens an existing trail (1 pts)			
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>7</b>	
18.	<b>Close to home trails (select from range)</b>	Point Range	Points	
	• Project will create a new close to home trail for a community within a city, urban area, or tribal land that does not currently have access to public trails within a 10 minute (1/2 mile) walk (up to 4 pts)	0-4		
	• Project will create a new close to home trail for a non-city or rural community that does not currently have access to public trails within an 10 mile drive (up to 4 pts)			
	• Project doesn't meet either condition above but is still underserved by public trail opportunities; applicant has provided sufficient detail to justify the need (1-2 pts)			
	• Project area is already served by public trail opportunities (0 pts)			
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>4</b>	

<b>Sect. II.B Project Need B (Existing trail maintenance and amenities projects only - skip for new construction)</b>		<b>20 possible</b>		
<b>19. &amp; 20. Trail details (select from range for each)</b>		<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Age of trail section where work will occur (30+ years = 3 pts, 20+ years = 2 pts, 10+ years = 1 pt)	0-3		
	Trail usage level compared to nearby trails and population demand	0-3		
	Degree to which the cause of the issue or development of the need was unavoidable or couldn't be addressed earlier	0-3		
		<i>Max. points</i>		<b>9</b>
<b>20. &amp; 21. Need (select from range for each)</b>		<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Project needed to address critical (5 pts), serious (2-4 pts), or minor (1 pts) safety issues on existing trail	0-5		
	Severity of need	0-3		
		<i>Max. points</i>		<b>8</b>
<b>21. Virginia Outdoors Plan (SCORP) Needs (select from range for each)</b>		<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Project provides or repairs priority amenities/features expressed in Virginia Outdoors Plan Survey (restroom, trailhead parking, drinking water, information kiosk, trash receptacle, trailside benches, lighting, viewing water, makes trails easier to walk) (0-3) (3pts - provides restroom or three from list, 2 pts- two from list, 1 pt- one from list)	0-3		
		<i>Max. points</i>		<b>3</b>

<b>Sect. III Public Involvement and Impact (All Projects)</b>		<b>27 possible</b>		
<b>22. &amp; 23. Public participation and development (select from range for each)</b>		<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Degree of public involvement in the project to date (including identifying the project need, in the planning process, and/or in the design process)	0-3		
	Degree of planned future public involvement in the project	0-3		
	Project has a workforce development component, such as utilizing youth or training corps, or includes youth group volunteers	0-3		
		<i>Max. points</i>		<b>9</b>
<b>24. Alignment with needs or goals of local or regional plan (select from list)</b>		<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	
	Project need demonstrated in local and/or regional plans	0-4		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project fulfills a general need or meets a general goal of a local or regional plan (1 pt) [for example, "increase access to natural areas" or "develop new trails in county"]</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project fulfills a specific need or specific goal of a local or regional plan (2 pts) [for example, "develop multi-use trails at Riverside Park"]</li> <li>Project is specifically identified by location, layout, and features in a local or regional plan (4 pts) [for example, "complete section IV of Riverside Greenway from Main Street to River Ave."]</li> </ul>			
		<i>Max. points</i>		<b>4</b>
<b>25. &amp; 26. User benefits (select from range for each)</b>		<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Degree of positive impact on community	0-3		
	Degree to which project will benefit or expand access to new, disadvantaged, and/or underserved users	0-3		
	Use of trail will not require an entrance fee	2		
		<i>Max. points</i>		<b>8</b>
<b>27. Access for people with disabilities (select from list or range for each)</b>		<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Project will contain specific design elements to provide an equitable experience for trail users with sensory (including visual), cognitive, neurological, and/or mental health disabilities	0-3		
	Project will contain specific design elements to provide an equitable experience for trail users with disabilities impacting mobility (including surface, slope, width, resting areas)	0-5		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project will exceed accessibility standards (5 pts)</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project will meet accessibility standards (4 pts)</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some but not all project elements will meet accessibility standards, other elements fall under an allowable exception or are not covered by standards (2-3 pts)</li> <li>Application contains insufficient information to verify project will meet minimum accessibility requirements or minimum requirements not met (0-1 pts)</li> </ul>			
		<i>Max. points</i>		<b>8</b>

Sect. IV Project Implementation		15 possible		
<b>28.</b>	<b>Schedule (select from list)</b>	<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed schedule that shows understanding of RTP grant requirements and is clear, realistic, and well planned (3 pts)</li> <li>Schedule less detailed, missing minor milestones, or shows lack of full understanding of grant procedures (1-2 pts)</li> <li>Schedule unrealistic or missing major milestones (0 pts)</li> </ul>	<b>0-3</b>		
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>3</b>	
<b>29.</b>	<b>Budget (select from list)</b>	<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget itemized, comprehensive, includes reasonable cost estimates, how it was estimated is explained (3 pts)</li> <li>Missing one of the above (2 pts)</li> <li>Missing two of the above (1 pt)</li> <li>Missing three or more of the above (0 pts)</li> </ul>	<b>0-3</b>		
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>3</b>	
<b>30.</b>	<b>Grant match (select from list for each)</b>	<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Grant match secured	<b>0-3</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation provided showing cash or other eligible match items (volunteer labor, donations, administrative labor, etc.) available to cover 20% of costs (3 pts)</li> <li>Some cash or eligible match items for 20% share are still pending (1 pt)</li> <li>Match funding information incomplete or missing (0 pts)</li> </ul>			
	Grant match leverages community support by including volunteer labor and/or donations			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Match includes extraordinary amount of volunteer labor (3 pts)</li> <li>Match includes significant volunteer labor and/or donations (2 pts)</li> <li>Match includes small amount of volunteer labor and/or donations (1 pt)</li> <li>No volunteer labor or donations planned (0 pts)</li> </ul>	<b>0-3</b>		
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>6</b>	
<b>31.</b>	<b>Procurement (select from list)</b>	<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive methods list provided, demonstrates understanding of requirements, all procurement procedures appear compliant (3 pts)</li> <li>List not comprehensive, does not appear to understand requirements, or lists non-compliant methods (1-2 pt)</li> <li>Not enough information provided or multiple errors in response (0 pts)</li> </ul>	<b>0-3</b>		
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>3</b>	

Sect. V Design and Environmental Impact		26 possible		
<b>32.</b>	<b>Design (select from list or range for each)</b>	<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Design completeness	<b>0-3</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and construction drawings complete (3 pts)</li> <li>Construction drawings created, but not 100% complete (2 pts)</li> <li>Project is beyond concept and feasibility stage, (preliminary designs complete, layout flagged, etc) (1 pt)</li> <li>Project is in conceptual phase and/or no site designs complete (0 pts)</li> </ul>			
	Appropriateness of design standards used for the type of trail, usage level, and site conditions			
	Degree to which design minimizes future resource inputs			
	Strength of design features that create built in resiliency against future weather events	<b>0-3</b>		
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>12</b>	
<b>33.</b>	<b>Environmental review, permitting, and NEPA (select from list)</b>	<b>Point Range</b>	<b>Points</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Already complete (3 pts)</li> <li>Response outlines clear plan and demonstrates understanding of requirements (2 pts)</li> <li>Response shows lack of understanding of full requirements (0-1 pts)</li> </ul>	<b>0-3</b>		
		<i>Max. points</i>	<b>3</b>	

34. Environmental quality impact (select from list for each)		Point Range	Points	Total
During project construction		0-2		
• Positive or neutral environmental impact (2 pts)				
• Negative environmental impact that will be reversed or mitigated when construction is complete (1 pts)				
• Negative impact that will exist after construction is complete (0 pts)				
After construction		0-3		
• Improvements to environmental quality in several categories (3 pts)				
• Improvements to environmental quality in one or two categories (2 pts)				
• No change to environmental quality from preexisting (1 pts)				
• Net negative impacts resulting from this project (0 pts)		<i>Max. points</i> <b>5</b>		
35. Future maintenance (select from range for each)		Point Range	Points	Total
Appropriateness of planned maintenance tasks and planned frequency		0-3		
Adequateness of labor and funding sources		0-3		
		<i>Max. points</i> <b>6</b>		

Sect. VI Grant Administration		10 possible		
36. Past RTP grant experience (select from list)		Point Range	Points	
• Applicant has never received an RTP grant (5 pts)		0-5		
• It has been at least 20 years since applicant has received an RTP grant (4 pts)				
• It has been at least 15 years since applicant has received an RTP grant (3 pts)				
• It has been at least 10 years since applicant has received an RTP grant (2 pts)				
• Applicant has had an RTP grant in the last 10 years (1 pt)				
• Applicant currently has an open RTP grant (0 pts)				
		<i>Max. points</i> <b>5</b>		
Completeness of application (select from list)		Point Range	Points	
• All submission requirements are met and sufficient detail is provided to understand the project, all required attachments are included (5 pts)		0-5		
• Most submission requirements are met, but missing a required attachment or detail (3-4 pts)				
• Most submission requirements are met, but missing multiple required attachments or details (1-2 pts)				
• Critical submission requirements are not met (0 pts)				
		<i>Max. points</i> <b>5</b>		

**Total Score:**

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out of 100

<p><b>Comments:</b></p>
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Committee Discretionary Points		5 possible		
Discretionary Points (scored at committee meeting, committee does not have to award any discretionary points in a grant round)		Point Range	Points	
Discretionary point could include but are not limited to: geographical distribution of funds, significant need.		0-5		
		<i>Max. points</i> <b>5</b>		