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LWCF Eligible Projects

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Recreational Trails Program

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Eligible Projects

- Construction of new recreational trails
 - Hiking/walking
 - Cycling/mountain biking
 - OHV-use (ATVs and off-road motorcycles)
 - Kayaking/Canoeing
 - Horeseback riding/equestrian
- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
- Development and rehabilitation of trailhead and trailside amenities

SCPRT will begin accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) on Aug. 1, 2023.



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Points of Interest

- RTP project agreement period is 18 months
- 25-year project compliance term
- Project sponsors must follow state procurement code and regulations
- RTP is a **reimbursement** grant that requires at least a 20% match — project sponsor pays 100% up front — RTP reimburses up to 80% of total project cost
- For more information, contact Neal Hamilton at (803) 734-0735 or nhamilton@scprt.com

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SCPRT Website



The screenshot shows the SCPRT website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'DISCOVER' and various menu items like 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'RECREATION', 'TOURISM', and 'CONTACT'. Below this is a main banner for 'Recreation and Tourism Grants' with a sub-header 'Through South Carolina's Recreation and Tourism Department, we provide funding for a variety of projects that improve the quality of life in our state. We are currently accepting applications for the following grant programs:'. Three main content boxes are visible: 'Research Reimbursement Funding Assistance Grant Program', 'Destination Specific Tourism Marketing Grants', and 'Emerging Development Marketing Grant Program'. Each box has a brief description of the program's purpose.

SCPRT eNewsletter




The screenshot shows the sign-up form for the SCPRT eNewsletter. It includes a 'Sign up to stay in touch!' heading and a form with fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'City/State/Zip', 'Telephone', and 'Email Address'. Below the form, there is a section titled 'To sign up for any of our eNewsletters, please click the check box for the eNewsletter you would like to receive.' with two checkboxes: 'Recreation' and 'Tourism and Marketing Grants'. A red arrow points to the 'Recreation and Marketing Grants' checkbox. At the bottom of the form is a 'Submit' button.





SCPRT Grant Programs

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