

Appendix G – Funding Resources

To support the city and other key stakeholders in pursuit of the best practices and recommendations in this document, the project team has identified a list of potential resources that have the potential to bolster existing budgets.

One category of such resources contained herein is public grant programs. These pools of funds are distributed by county, state, or federal agencies to support various natural conservation, recreational area, or trail efforts. Details regarding eligibility, grant amounts, and schedule are provided in the attached chart.

Other sources of funding to consider include other private grants from foundations, or other nonprofit organizations such as AARP and its [Livable Communities Program](#).

Another way to think about financial support is by exploring designations or other statuses that the TRHT corridor could achieve that would open doors to resources only provided for that type of asset. One example that was raised in the implementation workshop is a greenway, which may be eligible for separate pools of funds from trails. Further research is needed to understand the implications of this or other designations relative to maintenance and management.

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Active Allegeny	ACED	The next application cycle is expected in Fall 2026.			The purpose of the AAGP is to provide financial assistance to develop community plans and design transportation projects that will, when implemented, provide bicycle and pedestrian connections to critical local destinations and transportation systems and increase residents' opportunities for physical activity.	municipalities, non-profit organizations, and councils of governments	active transportation, walking, cycling, wayfinding, access	design (10%), preliminary engineering, planning	n/a	\$50,000	depends on applicant	https://www.alleghenycounty.us/files/assets/county/v/1/government/economic-development/documents/planning/2024-active-allegheny-grant-program-guidelines.pdf	https://www.alleghenycounty.us/files/assets/county/v/1/government/economic-development/documents/planning/2024-active-allegheny-grant-program-guidelines.pdf
Request Free Trees	Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership	Provides trees and tree tubes; will have info in July for fall 2025 planting.			The Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership is committed to improving Pennsylvania's communities, economy, and ecology by planting 10 million trees throughout the Commonwealth.		tree planting	tree planting			none	https://tenmilliontrees.org/	https://tenmilliontrees.org/contact/landowners/
Multimodal Fund	PA DCED	annual	03/01/25	07/31/25	The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth.	municipality, council of governments, business, nonprofit, public agency or authority, port operator, railroad operator	development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development	acquisition, construction, demolition, environmental studies, design (10%), fixed equipment, preliminary engineering, site preparation, sound barriers	\$100,000	\$3,000,000	30%	https://dced.pa.gov/download/multimodal-transportation-fund/#	https://dced.pa.gov/download/multimodal-transportation-fund-mtf-guidelines/?wpdmdl=82892
C2P2 / Community and Watershed Forestry	PA DCNR	open twice annually	01/22/25	04/02/25	The DCNR Community and Watershed Forestry Program provides financial assistance to identify locations in need of riparian forest buffers, conversion of lawn to habitat, and community tree planting and to design, implement, and establish those practices. Eligible applicants requesting Urban and Community Forestry funding should apply here.	County or Municipal Government, Higher Educational Institution, Other Educational Institution, Non-profit with 501(c)3 IRS Status and Non-profit with PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations Status		Landowner outreach, design, site preparation, and planting of buffers, meadows, upland forest, community tree planting; plant materials and tree shelters; and post-planting establishment on plantings installed within the past 5 years. Projects can propose conventional or multifunctional riparian forest buffers, conversion of lawn to meadow or forest project, or Urban and Community Forestry outreach and implementation.	\$50,000	\$500,000	50%	https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/	
C2P2 / Community Recreation and Conservation Planning	PA DCNR	open twice annually	01/22/25	04/02/25	Planning projects study the needs, benefits and opportunities for future land acquisition, development and/or management of parks, recreational facilities, critical habitat, open space, natural areas, greenways, and river/watershed corridors.	County or Municipal Government, Higher Educational Institution, Other Educational Institution, Non-profit with 501(c)3 IRS Status and Non-profit with PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations Status		Projects that study methods, resources, organization capacity, capital investments, inventory of parks, recreation facilities, critical habitat, open space, greenways and river/watershed corridors. These studies analyze and recommend priorities and long-term management of sites. The planning process includes substantial citizen involvement and written narrative reports with other deliverables. Project Types below link scope of work for each project type for better understanding of eligible activities.	\$50,000	\$500,000	50%	https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/	
C2P2 / Land Aquisition and Conservation	PA DCNR	open twice annually	01/22/25	04/02/25	These projects involve the purchase and/or donation of land for park and recreation areas, greenways, critical habitat areas and/or open space.	County or Municipal Government, Higher Educational Institution, Other Educational Institution, Prequalified Land Trust with 501(c)3 IRS status, and registered with PA Bureau of Charitable Organization Status		Purchase of land for Critical habitat and open space, community recreation areas, trail corridors and greenways and purchase of conservation easements.	\$50,000	\$500,000	50%	https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/	
C2P2 / Non-motorized Trails	PA DCNR	open twice annually	01/22/25	04/02/25	Trail projects include the acquisition, planning, development, rehabilitation, or maintenance of designated routes on land or water for non-motorized recreation activities, as well as the purchase or lease of equipment to be used exclusively for the maintenance or construction of non-motorized land and water trails and non-motorized trail-related facilities.	Federal and state agencies, county and municipal governments, municipal agencies, non-profit and for-profit organizations		Acquisition, Planning, Development, Rehabilitation, or Maintenance and Educational Programs, Equipment Purchase or Lease	\$50,000	\$500,000	50%	https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/	
C2P2 / Park Rehabilitation and Development	PA DCNR	open twice annually	01/22/25	04/02/25	These projects involve the rehabilitation and development of public parks, recreation facilities, greenways and river conservation projects.	County or Municipal Government, Higher Educational Institution, Non-profit with 501(c)3 IRS Status and Non-profit with PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations Status		Site development drawings, specifications, surveys, professional service fees, design work, construction contracts and materials to perform the approved scope of work	\$50,000	\$500,000	50%	https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/	

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C2P2 / State and Regional Partnerships	PA DCNR	open twice annually	01/22/25	04/02/25	Partnerships projects are collaborative statewide or regional initiatives that help build local, county, regional and statewide capacity to better develop and manage recreation and park facilities and to promote the conservation of natural and heritage resources through plan implementation, education and training.	Non-profit with 501(c)3 IRS Status and Non-profit with PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations Status, Regional Municipal Entities and State-designated Heritage Areas		Convening, education, training, Special purpose planning projects, Implementation of previously completed plan, Mini-grant programs and One application can support multiple items	\$50,000	\$500,000	50%	https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/	
Multimodal Fund	PennDOT	annual	09/23/24	11/05/24	The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies, and ports and rail freight entities to improve transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization.	municipality, COG, business, nonprofit, economic development organization, public transportation agency, port or freight rail entity	coordinate local land use with transportation assets; improve connectivity or utlization of existing transportation assets; streetscapes, lighting, sidewalks, pedestrian safety; transit-oriented development	Acquisition of land and buildings, rights of way, and easements; Construction activities; Capital equipment purchases; Clearing and preparing land; Demolition of structures; Environmental site assessment and environmental studies; Archaeological surveys, land surveys, and appraisals; Settlement costs of land acquisition activities; Related engineering, design, and inspection costs, including professional services such as preparation of bid documents; Administrative costs necessary to administer the award, such as advertising, legal, and audit costs, as well as documented staff expenses; Project contingency	\$100,000	\$3,000,000	30%	https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penn-dot/programs-and-doing-business/multimodal-program/documents/penn-dot%20mtf%20success%20manual%207-3-2024.pdf	https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/penn-dot/documents/programs-and-doing-business/multimodal-program/documents/penn-dot%20mtf%20success%20manual%207-3-2024.pdf
Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside	PennDOT	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/ta.cfm	07/14/25	09/05/25	The federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) provides funding for projects and activities defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation, trails that serve a transportation purpose, and safe routes to school projects.	local governments; regional transportation authorities; transit agencies; natural resource or public land agencies, including Federal agencies; school districts, local education agencies, or schools; tribal governments; an MPO that represents an area with a population of 200,000 or fewer; a state, at the request of another eligible entity; and any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails	bicycle and pedestrian facilities; bicycle and pedestrian education (grades K-12); conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails; construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas; outdoor advertising management; historic preservation and rehab of historic transportation facilities; vegetation management; archaeological activities; vulnerable road user safety assessment activities; stormwater management; and wildlife mortality mitigation.	education, acquisition, construction, installation	\$50,000	\$1,500,000	0%	https://www.penn-dot.pa.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/Transportation%20Alternatives%20Set-Aside%20-%20Surface%20Tran.%20Block%20Grant%20Program.aspx	https://www.penn-dot.pa.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Documents/cpdm/TASA/TASA%20Statewide%20Program%20Guidance.pdf
Gaming and Economic Development Tourism Fund	RAAC	last awards 02/03/25			GEDTF grants allow grantees to carry out significant economic development for current and future use. [T]hese grants provide financial assistance to entities to facilitate economic development projects in Allegheny County.	municipalities, authorities, councils of government (COGs), and both non- and for-profit businesses						https://www.allegHENYcounty.us/economic-development/authorities/gedtf-fund.aspx	https://www.allegHENYcounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442478886

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Operating or Capital Grants	RAD	Allegheny County received operating and capital support for grants in 2025. Applications for 2026 operating and capital support are now open. The deadline for applications is June 25, 2025 at 4:30PM EDT. New applicants must meet with staff before applying.		06/25/25	RAD grants support and enhance regional assets throughout Allegheny County in the areas of libraries, parks and trails, arts and culture, regional attractions, sports and civic facilities, and transit.	governmental entity or non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, with an IRS 501(c)(3) certificate on file with the District at the time of application.	RAD grants primarily provide unrestricted operational support, meaning they can be used for anything an organization needs to operate from payroll to programming to utility bills. Additionally, RAD awards capital grants to support building maintenance and improvements, as well as grants designed to support accessibility-related work and/or organizational collaboration.					https://www.radworkshere.org/pages/applications-and-eligibility	2026 Application Guidelines and Instructions
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	SPC	Next Round of competitive funding will post in Summer 2025	06/02/25		CMAQ funds may be used to establish new or expanded transportation projects or programs that reduce emissions, including capital investments in transportation infrastructure, congestion relief efforts, vehicle acquisitions, diesel engine retrofits, or other capital projects.		emmissions, congestion	environmental studies, design, construction, operating					https://www.spcregion.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-Final-CMAQ-Program-Guidance-8_18_2021.pdf
Urban and Community Forestry Program	USDA	Pittsburgh is in the Eastern Region (R9)			U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service is the only Federal program dedicated to growing and maintaining urban and community trees, forests, and green spaces.							https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf	
Community Forest Program	USDA	Requires full fee title acquisition.			The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (Community Forest Program) of the Forest Service offers a unique opportunity for communities to acquire and conserve forests that provide public access and recreational opportunities, protect vital water supplies and wildlife habitat, serve as demonstration sites for private forest landowners, and provide economic benefits from timber and non-timber products.	any local government with land use authority, 501(c)(3), or federally recognized tribal government				\$600,000		https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forests/program	https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/356124