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Jan. 1, 2025

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
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The Honorable Ben Albritton
President, Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Daniel Perez
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 S. Monroe Street
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Dear Governor DeSantis, President Albritton and Speaker Perez:

Pursuant to section 286.001, Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to submit the enclosed Local Trail Management Grant Program report.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 850-245-2044 or Mara.Gambineri@FloridaDEP.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mara Gambineri", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mara Gambineri
Chief of Staff

Enclosure

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Chuck Hatcher, Director, Division of Recreation and Parks, DEP



**Local Trail Management Grant Program
TRAIL-GO Report
Fiscal Year 2024-25**

**Division of Recreation and Parks
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Local Trail Management Grant Program – TRAIL-GO Report

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Executive Summary

Pursuant to section 260.0145, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Local Trail Management Grant Program, called TRAIL-GO, was established within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to assist local governments with costs associated with the operation and maintenance of trails within the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, DEP received \$4 million for TRAIL-GO. Grant funds may only be used for the operations and maintenance of trails located within the Florida Greenways and Trails System. Grant funds may not be used for the planning, design or construction of new trails. Eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase of equipment and capital assets.
- Repairs to ensure safety.
- Maintenance.

DEP accepted applications for the FY 2024-25 TRAIL-GO application cycle between Aug. 1 - 31, 2024. During the application cycle, 158 applications were received requesting approximately \$19 million in grant funding.

Thirty-six grants were awarded to 22 local governments. The total investment was \$5,572,829.04, including \$4 million in state funding and \$1,572,829.04 in local government cost share. Pursuant to section 260.0145(2), F.S., a local government may receive multiple grant awards per application cycle.

Grants were awarded on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to:

- A local government that provides cost share, except for trails within fiscally constrained counties or rural areas of opportunity.
- Trails within the Florida Wildlife Corridor as defined in section 259.1055, F.S.

The following table provides information for each grant award:

- Grant recipient's name.
- Description of the individual components of the trail.
- Description of the maintenance activities funded.
- Total management cost for the trail components.
- Cost share, if any, provided by the recipient.

GRANTEE NAME	TRAIL COMPONENTS	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES FUNDED	STATE SHARE	GRANTEE SHARE	TOTAL PROJECT COST
City of Sanford	Sanford Riverwalk	Clear overgrowth of trees	\$200,000.00	\$154,420.00	\$354,420.00
Pasco County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources	Suncoast Trail	Wayfinding signs	\$36,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$41,000.00
Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management	Bluegill	Fill potholes	\$75,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Sarasota	Ringling Trail	Widen trench drains	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$400,000.00
City of Fernandina Beach	Egans Creek Greenway	Bridge decking and toe rail repair	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$200,000.00
Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department	Florida East Coast Rail Trail	Debris blower, contract tree trimming, contract mowing	\$200,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$220,000.00
City of Sanford	Riverwalk	Refuse truck	\$150,000.00	\$218,000.00	\$368,000.00
Sarasota County	The Legacy Trail	Robotic mower	\$72,977.00	\$22,994.00	\$95,971.00
Pasco County Parks	Suncoast Trail	Safety fencing	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00
City of Sarasota	Ringling Trail	Trail counters	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00
Wakulla County	Azalea Park Trail	Repair rubberized surface and asphalt base	\$200,000.00	\$0 – rural area of opportunity	\$200,000.00
City of Winter Haven	Chain of Lakes Trail	Equipment, contracted services to open-up areas along trail and removal of debris and invasives	\$200,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$252,000.00
Lake County	Coast-to-Coast	Install concrete transition, tree removal, tree trimming and landscaping	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$350,000.00
Sarasota County	The Legacy Trail	Purchase of six solar powered radar speed signs	\$41,276.00	\$25,000.00	\$66,276.00
City of Oldsmar	Oldsmar Trail	Toro Groundsmaster "batwing" mower	\$46,500.00	\$46,500.00	\$93,000.00
Wakulla County	Hudson Park Trail	Install 19 led security lights	\$135,000.00	\$0 – rural area of opportunity	\$135,000.00
City of Satellite Beach	Samsons Island	Dock repair	\$175,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$186,000.00
Lake County	Coast-to-Coast — County Road 455 Rest Area Improvements	Install water fountain/water bottle refill station and wayfinding kiosk	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$7,500.00
Wakulla County	Coastal Trail	Cost for employees to mow, perform weed control and landscape maintenance	\$108,514.00	\$0 – rural area of opportunity	\$108,514.00
City of Live Oak	Heritage Trail	Trail lighting	\$200,000.00	\$0 – rural area of opportunity	\$200,000.00
Alachua County	Archer Braid Trail	Two pieces of equipment and tree removals	\$74,440.45	\$30,000.00	\$104,440.45

GRANTEE NAME	TRAIL COMPONENTS	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES FUNDED	STATE SHARE	GRANTEE SHARE	TOTAL PROJECT COST
City of Oldsmar	Oldsmar Trail	Purchase of crushed shell	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00
Escambia County	Jones Swamp Wetland Preserve: Southwest Greenway Trail	Two new kiosks	\$6,000.00	\$2,062.00	\$8,062.00
City of Tallahassee	Capital Cascades Trail	Safety Inspections of pedestrian bridges	\$10,185.98	\$942.24	\$11,128.22
Volusia County	St. Johns River to Sea Loop	Repair damage to trail caused by root growth	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00
Wakulla County	Ochlockonee Bay Bike Trail	Mow and perform weed control	\$63,191.00	\$0 – rural area of opportunity	\$63,191.00
City of Oldsmar	Oldsmar Trail	Purchase and installation of water bottle filling stations, benches, picnic tables, trash cans and grills	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$25,000.00
City of Tallahassee	Lafayette Heritage Trail	Pedestrian bridge safety inspection	\$21,271.63	\$1,177.80	\$22,449.43
Volusia County	St. Johns River to Sea Loop	Purchase a flail mower, cross conveyor system and up to five bike repair stations	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00
Orange County	West Orange Trail (Apopka Segment)	Contractor to make pavement marking improvements and produce wayfinding signage	\$100,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$140,000.00
City of Marianna	Chipola River Greenway Hinson Conservation and Recreation Area	Purchase of mowing equipment (tractor, bushhog, zero-turn mowers), fencing and trail signage	\$200,000.00	\$0 – rural area of opportunity	\$200,000.00
City of Satellite Beach	Samson’s Island Trails	Equipment to maintain trails (string trimmers, hedgers, post hole diggers and folding saws)	\$6,000.00	\$6,983.00	\$12,983.00
Flagler County	Lehigh Greenway Rail Trail	Purchase UTV, pull-behind trail blower and 16-foot haul trailer	\$200,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$225,000.00
Suwannee County	Suwannee River Greenway	Purchase trail blowers and vehicles to tow the blowers	\$200,000.00	\$0 – rural area of opportunity	\$200,000.00
City of Tallahassee	City Maintained Asphalt Trails	Asphalt milling machine	\$200,000.00	\$91,500.00	\$291,500.00
Suwannee County	Suwannee River Greenway	Extend trail lighting	\$160,393.94	\$0 – rural area of opportunity	\$160,393.94
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING AWARDED			\$4,000,000.00	\$1,572,829.04	\$5,572,829.04