

UPCOMING FUNDING AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Trail Volunteer Fund

The Trail Volunteer Fund provides grants to purchase tools, materials, and supplies to be used by [volunteer trail projects](#) that create, maintain, or enhance the network of trails suitable for bicycle touring in western Pennsylvania and interconnected trails in nearby areas. In this way, the Fund celebrates and encourages the volunteers whose work has made such valuable contributions to western Pennsylvania's growing network of motor-free trails. The application process is simple, and there are four deadlines for applications per year - March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. More information on this opportunity is available at <http://they-working.org>

Pa Department of Economic Development Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP)

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Authority") for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects using the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP).

The application deadline for the program is June 30, 2016 for consideration at the Sept. 2016 CFA board meeting.

<http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/greenways-trails-and-recreation-program-grp>

Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Transportation Fund

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.

Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development.

Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more. Grants shall not exceed \$3,000,000 for any project.

Eligible applicants are municipalities, Councils of government, Business, Economic Development Organizations, Public Transportation Agencies, and Ports-Rails Freight.

Please note: the CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund is separate from PennDOT's Multimodal Program.

The application deadline for the program is July 31, 2016 for consideration at the November 2016 CFA board meeting. The completed hard copies of the application must be postmarked no later than July 31, 2016. <http://www.newpa.com/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund/>

**PNC Foundation Charitable Trusts
Application Deadlines for 2016**

The PNC Charitable Trust Grant Review Committee ("Committee") serves over one-hundred and fifty perpetual charitable trusts and private foundations for which PNC is trustee. Our mission is to implement the legacies set forth by the individual donors who established these trust relationships with PNC. Deadlines shown on their website are May 1 for a June decision, August 1 for a September decision, and October 1 for a November decision.

More information is available at http://www1.pnc.com/pncfoundation/charitable_trusts.html

**Erie County Community Foundation –
Upcoming Grant Deadlines for 2015 - May 7 and August 14**

The Erie County Community Foundation has established and continues a tradition of mindful, effective grant-making addressing a variety of needs throughout Erie County. These include but are not limited to, Arts and Humanities, Community Development, Education, Environment, Health and Social Services and Youth Services. Charitable organizations, churches, governmental or other entities determined to be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code are eligible to apply.

The Foundation encourages proposals for projects that enhance collaboration among Erie County organizations, build organizational capacity, leverage additional resources, demonstrate sustainability, and yield substantial community benefits. Grant deadlines shown on their website May 2 for a June 24 notification, August 1 for an October 7 notification, and November 1 for a December 20 notification.

For more information visit <http://www.eriefoundation.org/>

**GoToTRAILS
<http://gototrails.com/index.html>**

GoToTRAILS is web based and provides a digital map, whiteboard and forum for trail planners, builders, enthusiasts and explorers to find trail-related information and share ideas for connectivity. The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) oversees this website. The Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance members, as well as others in northwest Pennsylvania should contact Debra Frawley for assistance in utilizing the tools on this site. Contracted by PEC, Deb can be reached at frawlda@windstream.net.

PA DCNR Recorded Webinars

Pennsylvania DCNR has been recording many of their webinars and now has a nice library on line of webinars to view. There is no cost to watch one of the recorded webinars. Links to the recorded webinars can be found at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/brcinteractivemapping1/trainingandworkshops/recordedwebinars/index.htm>