

SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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1 Application materials for the state's Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are now available. The RTP provides funding for public trail projects in New Hampshire and is competitive in nature. As explained on the [NH State Parks website](#), eligible projects include the following:

- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
- Purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment
- Construction of new trails
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkage

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Nonprofits, private groups, and government entities may apply. Applications are due Friday, June 22. The RTP will hold three public workshops to assist prospective applicants. The first is scheduled for Monday, May 14, from 6–8 p.m. in Lancaster. Two sessions will be held in Concord on Tuesday, May 15, the first from 1–3 p.m. and the second from 6–8 p.m. Visit the [NH State Parks website](#) for location details and for all application materials.

2 Plan NH is beginning the process for the 2018–2019 NH Municipal Technical Assistance Grant Program. This program, a collaboration between Plan NH and the NH Housing and Finance Authority, provides funding to assist communities in updating their zoning ordinances to support housing options for the diverse and changing needs of their residents. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and require a cash match of 25 percent. Grants may be used for planning consultants, including regional planning commissions, to assist with the updating process. A portion of each grant must be used for education and outreach.

Plan NH will hold an information session about this program at the Office of Strategic Initiatives Conference on April 28. Applications for this grant round are due on June 1.

SRPC encourages interested communities in the region to contact James Burdin, regional economic development planner. SRPC offers services such as grant application assistance and has experience assisting communities with updates to their zoning ordinances. James can be reached at jburdin@strafford.org or at (603) 994-3500.

Find more information about the program at <http://plannh.org/nh-municipal-technical-assistance-grant-program>.

3 The Office of Strategic Initiatives will hold its annual spring Planning and Zoning Conference on Saturday, Apr. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Grappone Center in Concord. Session topics will include training for new members of local land use boards, information on meeting statewide economic goals, local agriculture, historic preservation planning, solar 101, and age-friendly planning. For a complete list of sessions, or to register for the conference, visit <https://www.nh.gov/osi/planning/resources/conferences/spring-2018/index.htm>.