



CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

2020 REGIONAL TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

Application Deadline: June 10, 2020

IMPORTANT NOTE: Download form to your computer before editing.

I. Applicant Information

Name of Applicant:

Primary Contact:

Title:

Email:

Phone:

Federal Tax ID #:

County:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

II. Project Type (Check all that apply.)

Trail Construction

Trail Project Design

Land Acquisition

Detailed Corridor Planning

Canoe/Kayak Launch Construction

III. Project Description

Provide a description of your project. Include the physical characteristics of the project (length, width, planned surface type, and any other pertinent characteristics of the facility).

IV. Funding

Maximum request per project type:

- Trail Construction \$100,000
- Trail Project Design \$30,000
- Land Acquisition \$50,000
- Detailed Corridor Planning \$5,000
- Canoe/Kayak Launch \$5,000

Total amount of funding requested from CTT*

*Applicants **must** provide a **separate budget sheet** showing all funding sources that have been **SECURED** and allocated for the project. This can include both public and private sources.

V. Project Location

Describe the location of this project and include where it is located along a Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan corridor.**

List the locally adopted plan (besides the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan) which identifies this project. Please identify the year of adoption.

Applicants **must provide a detailed location map of the project.

VI. Detailed Project Questions

1. Given the regional context of the Carolina Thread Trail and the need to increase contiguous miles along a planned corridor, provide a narrative of how this project goes beyond fulfilling a local trail priority and helps to advance regional connectivity along a major trail corridor within the Thread Trail footprint.

Information should include: connection to an existing trail project, adding to local mileage within the community, facilitating community to community connections, other trails in the area to which this project could connect in the future.

2. To what extent will this project have multiple benefits? Explain how it enhances recreational, transportation, community revitalization, and other community benefits at the local and regional level.
3. Explain how this project demonstrates collaboration with neighboring communities and other entities benefitting from a completed project. List the other coordinating communities and partners involved. Explain how their involvement enhances the viability of the project.

4. Explain how the project provides an opportunity to serve all members of the population, including people of differing socio-economic status, age, ability, and ethnicity. Also, explain whether the project has the potential to serve the needs of those who have certain physical mobility challenges.

5. Explain project readiness or provide an implementation timetable. What phases of project development have been completed thus far? Will the CTT funding complete all necessary funding for the short-term implementation of the project?

For land acquisition or trail design requests, provide the anticipated timeframe for project construction.

6. Describe the level of public support for the project. Additionally, explain the support of any private entities for the project. Letters of endorsement are encouraged.

7. Describe how public access will be provided and encouraged for use of the trail. (Trailheads, other parking lots, bicycle/pedestrian accommodations on connecting streets, neighborhood connection side trails, etc.)
8. Describe the plan for ongoing trail maintenance. What staff and monetary sources will be dedicated to ensuring the trail is kept in excellent condition for use by the public?
9. Presently, the Carolina Thread Trail is developing an improved signage package over our current model. The aim is to more effectively raise awareness and elevate CTT brand recognition. While we understand need to distinguish local efforts, it is our preference that the applicant incorporate officially adopted CTT signage into the completed project. Is the applicant willing to work with CTT on a signage plan that serves both regional and local interests?

10. List any additional information not previously described that demonstrates project excellence. Examples could include, but not limited to, facilitating connection or preservation of environmental and historic resources, involvement of local advocacy groups, ability to engage student education opportunities, etc.

VII. Supplemental Materials

1. Budget sheet
2. Project location map
3. Letters of endorsement or support (optional)
4. For acquisition projects, letters of interest from prospective land owner(s).

VIII. Signature

The applicant hereby acknowledges that the grant application is complete and includes a budget sheet and project location map.

Print Name:

Date:

IX. Application Submission Instructions

Application Deadline: Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Applicant interviews will be conducted: The week of June 15-19, 2020

For **electronic submissions**, save your application to your computer and then email your complete application (with all supplemental materials) to Bret Baronak at bret@carolinathreadtrail.org.

For **hard-copy submissions**, mail your complete application (with all supplemental materials) to:

Bret Baronak, Director
4530 Park Road, Suite 420
Charlotte, NC 28209

For questions or concerns, please contact Bret Baronak at (704) 376-2556 ext. 216 or bret@carolinathreadtrail.org.