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2023 Chapter Grant Opportunities

Please find below a summary of Grants Chapters might consider applying for in 2023. If you have any additions, updates, or corrections, please email nick@vmba.org.

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Good Luck!

Organization: **VMBA**

Grant: **Naming Grant Program**

Theme(s): Trail Building and Maintenance

Funding Amount: up to \$10,000, \$5,000 average

2023 Deadline(s): October 1st

Link: <https://vmba.org/naminggrants/>

Contact: nick@vmba.org

Notes: Specific opportunities to be announced mid-late summer

Organization: **VMBA**

Grant: **Trail Grant Program**

Theme(s): Trail Building and Maintenance

Funding Amount: up to \$7,000

2023 Deadline(s): March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, December 1st

Link: <https://vmba.org/chapter-trail-grant/>

Contact: nick@vmba.org

Notes: Awards to be announced at each Quarterly Advisory Council Meeting

Organization: **Athletic Brewing**

Grant: **Two for the Trails**

Theme(s): Restoring and Maintaining Trails; Environmental Stewardship

Funding Amount: \$600 - \$50,000, \$10,000 average

2023 Deadline(s): March 3rd, Fall

Link: <https://athleticbrewing.com/pages/two-for-the-trails>

Contact: twoforthetrails@athleticbrewing.com

Notes:

Organization: **Northern Forest Center**

Grant: **Sustainable Vermont Trails Grants**

Theme(s): Projects that improve the quality and sustainability of Vermont's recreation trails, with a strong emphasis on soil conservation

Funding Amount: Up to \$25,000

2023 Deadline(s): March 31st

Link: <https://northernforest.org/resources/resources/grants-available/>

Contact: ironson@northernforest.org

Notes: Chapters may propose 20% match with VMBA Trail Grant Funding

Organization: **Northern Forest Center**

Grant: **Community Recreation Grants**

Theme(s): increase local participation in outdoor recreation

Funding Amount: \$500 to \$2,500

2023 Deadline(s): March 31st

Link: <https://northernforest.org/resources/resources/grants-available/>

Contact: jfox@northernforest.org

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Organization: **American Trails**

Grant: **Legacy Trails Program**

Theme(s): projects that restore, protect, and maintain watersheds on our national forests and grasslands
increase local participation in outdoor recreation

Funding Amount: up to \$100,000

2023 Deadline(s): Fall (To be announced)

Link: <https://www.americantrails.org/legacy-trails-program>

Contact: trailfund@americantrails.org

Notes: Projects must be located on USFS Trails or Roads

Organization: **American Trails**

Grant: **Trails Capacity Program**

Theme(s): Maintenance, Research, and Stewardship Training

Funding Amount: \$2,000 to \$15,000

2023 Deadline(s): Fall (To be announced)

Link: <https://www.americantrails.org/apply-for-the-trail-fund>

Contact: trailfund@americantrails.org

Notes: [Webinar Overview](#)

Organization: **Santa Cruz Bicycles**

Grant: **Pay Dirt**

Theme(s): increasing riders' access to off-road cycling

Funding Amount: \$5,000 to \$10,000

2023 Deadline(s): July (To be announced)

Link: <https://www.santacruz bicycles.com/en-US/paydirt>

Contact: paydirt@santacruz bicycles.com

Notes: Contact [Joe](#) if interested; funds groups, projects, programs, and events that aim to

Organization: **Trek Foundation**

Grant: **Donation Program**

Theme(s): Permanent land conservation securing public-access recreation

Funding Amount: Undefined

2023 Deadline(s): Rolling

Link: https://www.trekbikes.com/us/en_US/trek-foundation/

Contact: Online Portal Only

Notes: Permanent land conservation must be part of any proposed project

Organization: **Fox Factory**

Grant: **Trail Trust**

Theme(s): Trail building and maintenance, responsible recreation, and equitable access

Funding Amount: Up to \$50,000

2023 Deadline(s): Quarterly

Link: <https://www.trailtrust.com/>

Contact: giving@ridefox.com

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Organization: **National Forest Foundation**

Grant: **Matching Awards Program**

Theme(s): Connecting people to forests

Funding Amount: Undefined

2023 Deadline(s): June 7th

Link: <https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/map>

Contact: kmorse@nationalforests.org

Notes: Underserved community prioritization; requirement for projects to take place on National Forest System lands or adjacent public lands

Organization: **The Conservation Alliance**

Grant: **Member-Directed Grant Program**

Theme(s): Lasting and quantifiable protection of a specific wild land or waterway with a clear recreation benefit

Funding Amount: Up to \$50,000

2023 Deadline(s): June 1st, December 1st (if nominated)

Link: <https://www.conservationalliance.com/member-directed-grants/>

Contact: kim@conservationalliance.com

Notes: Organizations must be nominated by a [participating member company](#)

Organization: **Northern Borders Regional Commission**

Grant: **Catalyst Program**

Theme(s): stimulate growth and inspire partnerships for rural economic vitality in the northern border region

Funding Amount: Up to \$500,000 (non-infrastructure), \$1,000,000 (infrastructure)

2023 Deadline(s): April 21st (LOI)

Link: <https://www.conservationalliance.com/member-directed-grants/>

Contact: kristie.farnham@vermont.gov

Notes: Heavy infrastructure focus with strong need to demonstrate economic impact

Organization: **Clif Family Foundation**

Grant: **Operational Support**

Theme(s): Strengthen our food system, Enhance equitable community health outcomes, Safeguard our environment and natural resources (must address 2)

Funding Amount: Up to \$25,000

2023 Deadline(s): February 1st, June 1st, October 1st

Link: <https://cliffamilyfoundation.org/grants-program>

Contact: Online portal only

Notes: VMBA office is applying for operating support in the June 1st cycle

Organization: **People for Bikes**

Grant: **Community Grant Program**

Theme(s): bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride

Funding Amount: Up to \$25,000

2023 Deadline(s): Early Fall (to be announced)

Link: <https://www.peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines>

Contact: Online portal only

Notes: eligible infrastructure projects include Mountain bike facilities, bike parks and pump tracks, and facilities such as racks, parking, repair stations, and storage