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Colorado

APPLICATION FOR OPEN LANDS RIVERS & TRAILS (OLRT) FUND

A. General Information

1. Name/Title of Proposed Project: Fraser River Trail Maintenance
Please check type of project: Open Land River Trail

2. Applicant: Town of Fraser
(Who will actually receive the grant funds)

In the case of a multi-jurisdictional/agency application, please provide the names of all of the participating agencies and/or individuals.

3. Name of Principal (Lead jurisdiction/agency):

Name: Town of Fraser Title: Board of Trustees
Mailing Address: PO Box 370
Fraser CO 80442-0370
Telephone Number: 970-726-5491

4. Who will hold the property interest? Town of Fraser

5. Designated Contact Person for the Application:

Name: Allen Nordin Title: Public Works Director
Mailing Address: Same as above
Telephone Number: _____

6. Total Project Cost: \$58,500

a) Amount of OLRT funds requested: \$43,500
b) Percentage of OLRT funds request to total cost: 74%
c) Date request for funds to be available to applicant: Spring 2018



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7. **Brief Description of Proposed Project (Please limit to 100 words.)**
Fraser proposes the following maintenance work to the Fraser River Trail (FRT): placement and grading of 4-inches of Class 6 material along 12,000 lineal feet of the 10-foot wide trail; culvert clearing/armament of drainage in/outlets; trail's edge reinforcement; Class 6 material at picnic table pads and clearing/trimming willows. The FRT and corridor lies within a 120-acre parcel of dedicated open space owned by Fraser. This riparian habitat is a high quality environmental resource, a recreational amenity and an important component of Grand County's trail system that should be protected and enhanced while being sensitive to its environment.

8. **Why is the project needed? What are the specific goals of the project? How will project success be measured? (Please limit to 100 words.)**
The FRT sees a wide variety of non-motorized uses: foot, pet, bicycles, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. 2017 pedestrian counts were documented by an infrared counter showing 42,000+ users. The trail receives annual maintenance as a result of the impacts by beavers and normal use. Staff addresses these issues with limited resources; the repairs are often "quick fixes," not permanent solutions. Now is the time for long-term improvements to the surface and drainage of the trail with the goal of making the trail safer and more sustainable. This will encourage additional trail use while providing a more enjoyable experience.

9. **What is the expected duration of the project?**
Approximately 21-days throughout the summer months, weather and resources scheduling dependent.

B. Budget & Other Financial Information

1. Summary of Project Budget and Funding Sources (Cash amounts only, no in-kind):

Project Activity	Requested Funds-OLRT	Requested Funds-other sources	Committed Funds-other sources	Total funds needed for project activity
<i>Resurfacing & Rip-Rap</i>	<i>\$33,000 \$5,000</i>			<i>\$38,000</i>
<i>Equipment rental</i>	<i>\$5,500</i>			<i>\$5,500</i>
<i>2018 Fraser Budget</i>			<i>\$15,000</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
Totals:	\$43,500		\$15,000	\$58,500



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2. How were the financial needs estimated?

The financial needs were estimated by applying current unit costs for the estimated material quantities for the project area. These costs were provided by local county quarries and local supply stores. Rental equipment costs for a mini motor grader (which will be required to perform the resurfacing work) were obtained from a front range supplier because this equipment is not available for rent in Grand County. This grant funding request is for an amount less than the 15% cap on trails maintenance.

3. Describe the project's in-kind support including estimated value.

Public works staff and equipment will be used for the work. In-kind support is estimated at \$22,680 which equates to 504 man-hours at \$45/hour for labor and town-owned equipment/fuel for the placement of the trail and picnic table pad base material, drainage armoring materials, signage installation, and to clear/flush culverts. In addition to this in-kind value, the Town and eight other water and sewer districts along the Fraser River corridor have developed a Source Water Protection Plan. Collectively, we received grant monies to create this plan which also provided funding for signage to be placed along the trail and river stating these waters are the source waters for public drinking water systems.

4. What future work will need to be completed for this project and what will the associated cost be? What ongoing operational obligations will be required for this project? How does the applicant plan to address these additional costs?

Continued annual/seasonal surface and drainage maintenance will be limited to annual budget appropriations and grant funding availability, if any. The Town spends approximately \$30,000 on trail maintenance annually throughout Town.

C. Other information

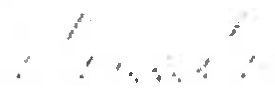
1. Describe local support for the project not included with in-kind information above.

The Town of Fraser views trails as community assets and will continue to seek opportunities to improve our trail system which in turn will improve the quality of life and livability in our community. We are currently creating a Fraser River Corridor Master Plan and continue to collaborate with the following stakeholders as we work towards maintaining the FRT and the creation of the Master Plan: Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Trout Unlimited, The Headwaters Center, HTA, Grand County Pet Pals, Town of Winter Park, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust, Fraser Valley Recreation District, Grand County Water Information Network, Fraser Valley Lions Club, and Grand County Historical Association. Our collaboration with such entities will allow us to leverage grant funding, in-kind support and monetary contributions to implement this community driven vision for the Fraser River Corridor of which the centerpiece is the Fraser River.

2. How does this project meet the OLRT fund criteria? One of the purposes of the Open Lands, Rivers and Trails Fund is to provide funding for the maintenance of hiking and biking trails throughout the county. The FRT is a locally acclaimed hiking and biking amenity which receives heavy recreational use by many county residents including visitors to Grand County. This property is already **protected** and has been dedicated by ordinance as designated open space. The property contains environmentally sensitive lands, riparian habitats and provides aesthetic values and outdoor recreational opportunities. Another OLRT priority is conservation of the Fraser River. This trail is



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adjacent to the beautiful Fraser River and the Town has installed educational and interpretive signage promoting awareness and conservation of the Fraser River and this riparian habitat. The Cozens Ranch Open Space includes one of the largest, relatively intact reaches of river-riparian corridor in the Fraser Valley. Providing funding for maintaining this trail will significantly enhance the trail users experience and be greatly appreciated by all users of this Grand County amenity.

3. Provide a map showing the project area and surrounding location.
See EXHIBIT A (attached)
4. Describe the monitoring plan.
Site inspections are conducted by Fraser staff on a weekly basis during times when the trail is clear of snow and ice. Work orders will be produced and administered through our asset management software, Cityworks. These work orders, inspections, and necessary maintenance are performed by driving the trail and on-site reconnaissance. Notes and photos are documented in Cityworks which will help us manage and monitor this capital asset in a cost-efficient manner.

For Land/Conservation Easement Requests, please answer the following: *N/A*

1. Please describe the type of property transfer (Easement, Fee Simple, etc.) Have the terms of the proposed conservation easement/property transfer been finalized? If so, please provide a summary of the terms and conditions.
2. What are the total acres of the parcel and what is the total amount being protected through this transaction?
3. Describe the qualifications of the proposed easement holder/land owner. How will the terms of the conservation easement be enforced?
4. What will be the status of water rights and mineral rights for the property?

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information hereby submitted is true and accurate.

Principal Signature:  _____

Date: February 28, 2018

Applicant Signature  _____

Applicant Organization Affiliation/Title: Town of Fraser / Public Works Director

Date: February 28, 2018

Please email completed application to: Open Lands, Rivers and Trails Advisory Committee, Grand County, at: olrtac@co.grand.co.us

Further information may be requested. If funds are awarded, a grant report will be required.



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EXHIBIT A

