

Potential Project Partners and Funding Partners

The following is a list of potential funding partners, resources and grant opportunities available:

- » US Department of Transportation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) , map21@dot.gov, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)
- » Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST) - <http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/pennsylvania-infrastructure-investment-authority>
- » PCTI- Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PennDOT) [smart-transportation.com](http://www.smart-transportation.com)
- » First Industries Fund - <http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/first-industries-fund>
- » Infrastructure Development Program - <http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/infrastructure-development-program>
- » Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation and Partnership Programs (C2P2) - <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/indexgrantsinstruct.aspx>
- » Pennsylvania Downtown Center - <http://www.padowntown.org/>
- » Recreational Trails Program- <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/>
- » The Sprout Fund – <http://www.sproutfund.org>

Other Potential Funding Sources

- » Grants (government funding programs, corporate grants, and private foundations)
- » In-Kind Services/Donations
- » Corporate Giving
- » Fundraising Programs and Private Donations

Grants - There are a number of public and private grant sources, including foundations that provide funding for trails. However, it is important to note that most trails are constructed as a result of local efforts and it will take a strong commitment to raise money to provide the matching funds often required.

In-Kind Services/Donations - Many grant sources will accept in-kind services as a replacement for cash matches. The project sponsor, municipal department of public works, and the local trail association may have resources at their disposal that can be turned into in-kind services. Examples of in-kind services/donations for a trail project include:

- » Building materials
- » Equipment use/rental/purchase
- » Professional expertise
- » Meals for volunteers

Corporate Giving - The National Trails Training Partnership (<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/funding/Funding.html>) provides useful information regarding asking corporations to donate money for trail projects.

“Treat them exactly the same way you would a private donor or a foundation. Do not overlook the biggest and the smallest businesses in your community. Corporate citizens like to be a visible, viable part of where they do business. Really, really keep an open mind when approaching businesses. All types of ‘givers’ generally receive MANY more requests than they can fund. Being turned down does not mean the ‘ask’ wasn’t worthwhile-- only that there were too many projects for them all to be funded.”





Technical Sources

Technical Sources for Safety and Regulatory Compliance

- » AASHTO, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, [Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities](#)
- » NACTO, National Association of City Transportation Officials, (<http://nacto.org/cities-for-cycling/design-guide>)
- » FHA, Federal Highway Administration
- » PennDOT, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- » ITE- Institute of Transportation Engineers
- » ADAAG- United States Access Board, for the revised ADA Accessibility Guidelines
- » US Department of Transportation
- » Complete Streets. Web. 27 Nov. 2009. (<http://www.completestreets.org>).
- » Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Chapter 9B, MUTCD 2009 Edition, for Shared Lane Markings. Source: <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/hdm/2009/part9/part9c.htm#figure9C09>
- » All signs and markings are to comply with MUTCD standards, PennDOT Publication 236, Publication 111, and any applicable PennDOT Publications

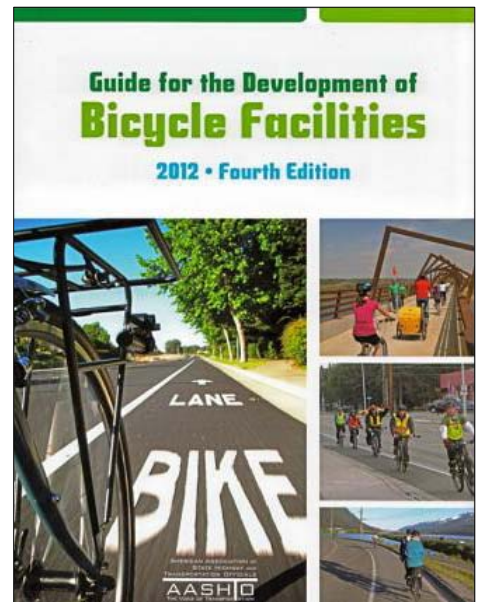
Bicycle Sources - Planning, Design and Promotions

- » Advocacy Advance (passionate advocates for bicycling and walking): www.advocacyadvance.org
- » Southwest Planning Commission (SPC) Bicycle Maps
- » League of American Bicyclists - Bicycle Friendly Community Program, www.bikeleague.org
- » Bikes Belong.org and People for Bikes.org



peopleforbikes.org

- » Bike Commuting 101, Bike Pittsburgh web page at www.bikepgh.org;
Bike Pittsburgh - 188, 43rd Street, Suite 1, Pittsburgh, PA 15201
- » **Bike Pittsburgh**- 'animated' on street bike infrastructure system
- » Adventure Cycling Association: www.adventurecycling.org
- » Pro Walk, Pro Bike: www.bikewalk.org
- » America Walks: www.americawalk.org
- » Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, www.pedbikeinfo.org,
www.walkinginfo.org, www.bicyclinginfo.org
- » Active Transportation Alliance: www.activetrans.org
- » Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals: www.apbp.org
- » National Complete Streets Coalition: www.completestreets.org
- » Bicycle Parking Guidelines: www.apbp.org
- » Bicycling (how to, rules, safety programs) at PA Commutes:
www.pacommutes.com
- » Smart Growth America, Complete Streets (<http://www.completestreets.org>).
- » Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Chapter 9B, MUTCD 2009 Edition, for Shared Lane Markings. Source: <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/hdm/2009/part9/part9c.htm#figure9C09>



Grant Writing Ideas

Keep the following things in mind when preparing grant applications to obtain funding for improvement projects:

- » Multi-municipal plans are favored.
- » DCNR favors connecting regional bicycle trail systems and favors projects along regional trail systems.
- » Volunteer and in-kind services should be utilized as matching funds when applying for State grant funding.
- » Green infrastructure and sustainable design projects are preferred.

