

**SAMPLE FUNDING RESEARCH MEMO:** This sample includes only the Funding Summary Table. Actual Funding Research Memos include additional information about each funding opportunity including types of projects targeted, eligible applicants, and additional information about how to apply.

**Funding Research Memo: Parks and Trails**  
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***CAVEAT – Grant guidelines and deadlines are subject to periodic change. Please note the date this memo was last updated and check the program websites for new information. Most deadlines listed are projected from the last funding round and are particularly unreliable. Check the website!***

**Funding Summary Table**

Grant	Funding Range	Funding Focus	Estimated Deadline	Eligible Costs
<a href="#">CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program</a>	No minimum or maximum. 12% match required	Development of non-motorized trails.	Not until 2016.	Acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for Recreational Trails or Recreational Trail corridors; Development and rehabilitation of trails, Trailside and Trailhead Facilities; and Construction of new trails.
<a href="#">CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation off-highway vehicle (OHV) grants</a>	Depends on program category. 25% match required	Planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, administration, operation, enforcement, programs, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, areas, and other facilities associated with the use of OHVs.	March	Very broad – all direct costs plus 15% indirect
<a href="#">CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund</a>	No grant minimum or maximum. 1:1 local or private non-state match required.	Several categories of programs, including Trails and Wildlife Area activities.	October 1	Funding is for land acquisition, trail development, interpretive and educational activities.

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<a href="#">CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund</a>	Grants up to \$2 million. 1:1 non-federal match required.	Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities.	February	Can fund acquisition or development projects but not both.
<a href="#">Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program</a>	Up to \$500,000 (\$1 million for acquisition). Match not required but encouraged.	Urban forestry; Resource lands; Additional mitigation of transportation projects.	June	Direct project related costs (acquisition, restoration, or development) incurred during the project performance period. Indirect costs and costs incurred outside of the project performance period will not be reimbursed.
<a href="#">National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance</a>	No funding provided, technical assistance only.	Development of parks, trails, access to rivers, and other special places	August 1	Will provide staff assistance in form of planning, facilitation, design, etc.
<a href="#">CA State Parks Foundation</a>	\$500 - \$10,000 for Park Enrichment grants and \$2,500 to \$50,000 for Park Partnership grants.	Celebrate Heritage, Welcome Visitors, Teach Californians, Safeguard Resources, and Connect Individuals, Organizations, and Partners.	Three times per year	Services and amenities for visitors, transit initiatives, park interpretation and educational materials, preservation of historical/cultural artifacts, volunteer training, trail improvements, etc. Park Partnership grants support operating funds and other expenses of groups that have taken over State Park operations.
<a href="#">National Park Foundation</a>	Capacity building grants: \$5,000. 1:1 match. Impact grants up to \$25,000.	"Friends of" organizations focused on national parks.	August 1	Capacity-building for "Friends of" national parks groups, including strategic planning, development planning and/or consultant work, brand development, website revision, marketing and communications planning, or mailings and acquisitions.
<a href="#">American Hiking Society National Trails Fund</a>	Up to \$5,000.	Improve hiking access or hiker safety on trails	Mid-December	Volunteers, access, tools for trail development.
<a href="#">PG&amp;E Foundation</a>	Usually below \$5,000 but there are exceptions	Programs designed to promote energy sustainability, environmental conservation,	Open Feb through Sept.	No specific limitations.

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		and stewardship of land and resources.		
<a href="#">Community Foundations</a>	Various – follow the link to the League of California Community Foundation website. They maintain a list of community foundations. Contact your local community foundation for more information.			