

Trail Development Grant Application Requirements

1. Eligibility

- Only individuals who are registered Lake Superior Gravity Series racers may submit nominations.
- The project must be free for public use when completed.
- Applicants must be located in one of the following states: Minnesota (MN), Wisconsin (WI), Michigan (MI), Iowa (IA), or potentially other eligible nearby states (subject to review).
- Written permission from the relevant landowner(s) is required prior to submission.
- Previous year's winner will not be considered to allow opportunities for trails to be built in more communities.

2. Timeline

- 5-24-26 Grant Applications Open
- 9-7-26 Grant Application last day
- 9-25-26 Finalists Announced
- 10-5-26 Voting Open
- 10-23-26 Voting Closes
- 11-7-26 Winner Announced

3. Use(s) of Grant Funds (\$50,000 Value)

a. Concept, Master Planning, or Design Work

- Receive assistance in planning a trail, master plan or other designs needed for your community.
- Example:
 - Assessment
 - Concept
 - Design
 - End Deliverable is "Shovel Ready Design" - Ready to go for Bid or apply for Grants

b. Trail Maintenance

- Have a Rock Solid crew come out and assist in trail maintenance on your system.
- This is approx 2-3 weeks of a 3 person crew and a U17 machine (including mobilization, employee housing, etc) depending on location
- Have Rock Solid host maintenance clinics during this time for your team and community to learn more about maintaining their trails.

c. New Trail Construction

- Have Rock Solid come and build a new section of trail.
- For funding related to new trail builds, applicants must present a "shovel-ready" design, including flagged sections prepared by a qualified professional.

- Project scope may vary, e.g., from a 0.5-mile downhill (DH) trail to a 1.25-mile flow-style singletrack.
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d. Pre-Fabricated Features (Installed by RS)

- Have Rock Solid build and install a trail feature on your trail.
- Anything from fabricated wood jumps, to bridges, to trail signage.

4. Award Process

- Racers who place on an overall podium for the Lake Superior Gravity Series will be allowed to cast a vote for the winner of the Grant. Including all of the following.
 - Downhill Overall Male and Female
 - Downhill 40+ Male and Female
 - Downhill 17-39 Male and Female
 - Downhill 16U Male and Female
 - Enduro Expert Overall Male and Female
 - Enduro Expert 40+ Male and Female
 - Enduro Expert 17-39 Male and Female
 - Enduro Expert 16U Male and Female
 - Enduro Sport 40+ Male and Female
 - Enduro Sport 17-39 Male and Female
 - Enduro Sport 16U Male and Female
- Voting will be weighted by position on the podium as follows
 - Overall 1st Place Vote = 10 Votes
 - Overall 2nd Place Vote = 8 Votes
 - Overall 3rd Place Vote = 6 Votes
 - 1st Place Vote = 5 votes
 - 2nd Place Vote = 3 votes
 - 3rd Place Vote = 1 vote
- Voting will take place after the season concludes on October 5th (date of voting to be determined)
 - Voting method to be determined.
- The winner will be announced during a live streamed event. Details on this to come after the season concludes.
- The winning recipients will be contacted by RS to be scheduled into the 2027/28 trail work service queue.