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TRAIL IMPROVEMENT FUND  
GRANT HANDBOOK*

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
Forest Resources Division**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Department), Forest Resources Division (FRD) administers the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail Improvement Program to maintain a statewide motorized trail system for public enjoyment. Part 811 of the Natural Resources Protection Act (1994 PA 451, as amended, or "Act 451") authorizes the distribution of revenues in the form of grants to government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

### **ORV trail maintenance grants are available to:**

- Maintain existing state-designated public ORV trails, routes and areas.
- Pay for land leases or easements on private land for public ORV use.
- Pay for liability insurance, required for non-governmental organizations to receive a grant.
- Pay for trail signs required to be posted on the trail system.

### **ORV development grants are available to:**

- Develop new ORV trails, routes and areas for public use.

### **ORV damage restoration grants are available to:**

- Repair ORV-damaged areas on public land.

## **YEARLY SCHEDULE**

### ***ANY TIME***

Forms and publications are available on the Department website. Go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) and follow the prompts to recreation trail maintenance grant programs. Information is also available through the Michigan Relay Center (TTY/TDD) by calling 711.

### ***Late Winter***

Grant applications and program booklets are mailed to trail sponsors (current and past grant recipients).

### ***May 1***

Completed and signed grant applications are due to the FRD Trail Analysts. Check the list at the bottom of this page.

### ***Summer***

The Department reviews grant applications and selects projects for funding.

### ***October 1 (pending state budget approval)***

The Department issues grant agreements and mails them to sponsors for signature by their agency or organization. Grant agreements are then returned to the Department for signature.

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# **APPLYING FOR AN ORV TRAIL IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

## **ELIGIBLE GRANT APPLICANTS**

Government agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible for grant funding through the ORV Trail Improvement Program. The following criteria must be met:

- Applicant must meet the ORV Trail Improvement Program grant application deadline.
- Applicant must be in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations.
- Applicant must have access to adequate equipment and personnel to accomplish the proposed projects.
- Applicant must be in good standing with Department grant programs. The Department will consider any and all notifications to the applicant regarding poor performance in the ORV Trail Improvement Program, or any other State of Michigan grant program.

## **ELIGIBLE GRANT PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE WORK**

### Existing Facility Maintenance

- **Seasonal Trail Maintenance:** Proposed seasonal maintenance must be at locations included in the state-designated ORV trail system. Maintenance work includes trail, route and area clearing and brushing, installing and maintaining signage, and may include trail grading (usually in the fall) when necessary.
- **Special Maintenance Projects:** Proposed special maintenance projects must be at locations included in the state-designated ORV trail system. Special maintenance may include bridge repairs, new bridge construction on existing trails, replacement of culverts, and other projects not described as seasonal maintenance. Include a description of the proposed project, cost estimate, location map, and site plan with the grant application.

### New Facility Development

Proposed facility development includes projects that would result in new ORV trails, routes, or areas, including trail re-routing and/or new support facilities. Include a description of the proposed project, cost estimate, location map, and site plan with the grant application.

### ORV Damage Restoration

Proposed restoration projects must be located on public land and shown to be the result of illegal ORV use. Potential projects may include grading and seeding of damaged areas, placement of erosion control measures, and similar restoration work. Include a description of the proposed project, cost estimate, location map, and site plan with the grant application.

## **FRD COORDINATION**

Whether you represent a government agency or a non-profit organization, the first step in preparing a grant proposal should be to contact the Department's FRD Management Unit to discuss your intentions for maintaining or developing ORV facilities within their jurisdiction. For maintenance and projects proposed on National Forest land, the appropriate United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service office should be contacted early and coordinated with closely.

## COMPLETING THE GRANT APPLICATION FORM

1. Obtain a copy of grant application form PR3601 from the Department's website or from the Department's Program Services Section in FRD.
2. Check all boxes that apply at the top of page 1, indicating the type of maintenance work and/or project being proposed. "Existing Facility Maintenance" includes seasonal maintenance as well as special maintenance projects on established, state-designated ORV trails, routes, and areas. "New Facility Development" refers to projects that would result in new ORV trails, routes, or areas, including trail re-routing and/or new support facilities. "Damage Restoration" refers to restoration of natural resource damage on public land due to illegal ORV use.
3. In the Application Information section, provide the name and complete address of the applicant agency or organization, and the name, telephone number and email address of the designated primary contact person. Be sure to include the applicant's federal identification number.
4. Fill in the Application Cost Summary information; this provides an easy reference for reviewers of the grant application.
5. The Project Description and Scope section is in three parts that coincide with the check boxes at the top of the page: Existing Facility Maintenance, New Facility Development, and Damage Restoration.
  - For Existing Facility Maintenance, indicate the location of proposed maintenance or projects by listing the designated name of the trail, route, or area. Calculate the cost for each location, using the rates provided in this booklet, or any updates provided by the Department.
  - For New Facility Development, and Damage Restoration projects, indicate the location by a name or number that is coded to match locations shown on maps you provide with the application form.

Indicate the land ownership and/or land managing agency for each location listed.

Provide a brief description of the proposed maintenance work and/or proposed projects.

- For proposed projects (Existing Facility Maintenance projects, New Facility Development, Damage Restoration), provide cost estimates for each project. Provide as much detail as you can and attach separate sheets to the application if necessary.
6. Provide the names of the designated primary and secondary contacts for the applicant agency or organization. The primary and secondary contacts sign and date the application form.

The primary and secondary contacts must be authorized to sign documents for the agency or organization. At least one of the designated contacts must be an officer or employee of the applicant agency or organization.

7. Use the Checklist to be sure you have included all of the required information with your application submittal (located on the back page).

## **TRAIL AND PROJECT AREA MAPS**

With the grant application form, include maps showing the proposed maintenance and/or project locations. For maintenance and/or projects on state land, use Department ORV trail maps. For maintenance and/or projects on National Forest land, use USDA Forest Service maps, or Department ORV trail maps if applicable.

For restoration projects or development of new trails, routes or areas, use county plat book maps. Show the location of proposed restoration work or new facility development on the maps. Identify the location of proposed work. Code the maps to correspond with project descriptions on the grant application form.

## **SITE PLANS**

For proposed special maintenance projects on existing facilities, development of new facilities, and restoration projects, provide an 8-1/2" x 11" site plan of the proposed improvements. Preliminary site plans are required for all restoration projects and for trailhead and bridge improvement projects. The site plan must clearly identify the location of all proposed facilities and improvements.

## **PERMISSION FROM LANDOWNERS AND LAND MANAGING AGENCIES**

On the application form, indicate land ownership for all maintenance and project locations listed. If proposing to perform work on property not owned by the applicant agency or organization, provide written documentation that permission has been obtained from the landowner/manager to perform the work described in the grant application. Land ownership may be the State of Michigan, USDA Forest Service, local government, commercial forest owner, non-commercial private land owner, or any combination of these.

For all projects located on private lands fill out form PR1854 and return with grant application form.

The written documentation must be from the landowner/manager and clearly state that permission is granted to the applicant agency or organization to perform maintenance work and/or complete projects on the land identified for the purpose of maintaining or improving a public ORV trail, route or area. The written documentation must be valid for the proposed grant period.

## **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

In order to participate in the grant program, non-profit organizations are required to obtain liability insurance with the following provisions.

- General Commercial Liability Insurance Policy: The required liability insurance shall protect the sponsor from claims which may arise out of or result from the sponsor's operations.
- Minimum policy limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for property damage; \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and \$2,000,000 aggregate.
- The State of Michigan listed as an additional insured using the following language:

*"State of Michigan, its departments, boards, agencies, commissions, officers and employees"*

Listing the State of Michigan as an additional insured protects the State of Michigan from claims arising out of the sponsor's acts in meeting responsibilities under the grant agreement. It does not mean that the sponsor must protect the State of Michigan from all accidents or injuries that occur on the public trail system.

- If work will be done on private land, list all the private land owners as additional insured.

- Thirty days written notice prior to any change or cancellation of the insurance policy to: Program Services Section, Forest Resources Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952.
- Liability insurance coverage must be for the term of the grant agreement. If the certificate of insurance expires during the grant period, the sponsor must provide an up-to-date certificate of insurance to the Department at the address listed above.

## **NON-PROFIT STATUS**

An organization's non-profit status must be renewed each year through the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The Department will verify non-profit status with LARA for each non-governmental applicant prior to issuing a grant agreement. It is the responsibility of each non-profit organization to ensure that its non-profit status is up-to-date. Grant agreements to non-governmental applicants will only be issued if the non-profit status can be verified for the current year.

# ***DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS***

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS**

Grant applications are reviewed by FRD Trail Analysts to ensure the application form is completed and signed; the applicant is an eligible agency or organization; permission has been obtained from the landowner (public land as well as private land); trail maps and site plans are provided.

The review process for administrative completeness may parallel the project selection process. Grant applications selected for funding must be administratively complete before a grant agreement will be issued by the Department.

## **CRITERIA FOR MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

The Department applies the following criteria to evaluate and set priorities for funding of proposals for maintenance and development projects:

1. Does the project have local support; public and private?
2. Does the project lend itself to year-round recreational opportunities?
3. Will the project have a favorable impact on the local economy?
4. Will the project attract or support tourism?
5. Is the project part of an overall ORV plan for the area and does it contribute to the implementation of the plan?
6. Does the project provide for the integration of a variety of motorized recreation?
7. Does the project address an existing environmental concern related to ORV use?

## **CRITERIA FOR ORV DAMAGE RESTORATION PROJECTS**

The Department applies the following criteria to evaluate and set priorities for funding of restoration proposals.

1. Will the project effectively control soil erosion, resulting in significant reduction in sedimentation of a waterbody, including wetland?

2. Will the project restore natural resource damage in a designated roadless area or a designated Wild and Scenic River corridor?
3. Will the project restore aesthetics of an aesthetically sensitive area?
4. Does the project address other issues of damage restoration on public lands?

## **FRD INSPECTIONS**

Field inspection of project sites may be conducted by the Department before a project is approved for a grant, during project implementation, and upon completion of a project.

# ***MAINTENANCE & PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION***

## **SEASONAL TRAIL MAINTENANCE**

Guidelines in the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail and Route Maintenance Handbook (IC1991) are required to be followed. Refer to that handbook for more details on maintenance of trails, routes, and areas. Personal protective equipment should be used at all times based on the manufactures guidance if power tools are being used.

Seasonal trail maintenance generally covers spring and summer maintenance seasons only. Spring maintenance is conducted between March 1 and Memorial Day weekend. Summer maintenance is conducted between June 15 and Labor Day weekend. Exceptions to these schedules are allowed, with approval from the Department for work done on state land or USDA Forest Service for work on federal land.

Maintenance responsibilities in each season include:

- Conducting one complete inspection of the entire trail system covered by the grant.
- Brushing (removing brush from) trails and routes according to specifications.
- Posting signs and trail markers, as required.
- Removing deadfall trees from trails, routes and use areas.
- Clearing culverts as needed to insure positive drainage.
- Completing minor bridge repairs (replacing broken or missing planks or railings).
- Reporting major bridge repair and erosion control needs, especially those affecting water quality, to the Department or USDA Forest Service.

Grantees may be directed by the Department or USDA Forest Service to perform work to correct maintenance deficiencies discovered during the course of inspections. Additional maintenance work may be needed if portions of a trail fall out of specification after initial work has been completed. This may be due to overgrowth of trailside vegetation which requires brushing, or clean up necessary due to minor storm damage. Repair of minor damage from vandalism may also be necessary.

On occasion, significant maintenance work may be needed to address major storm damage or repair extensive damage from vandalism. In these circumstances, the grantee may be requested by the Department or USDA Forest Service to perform the work, and a grant amendment may be processed to cover the additional costs.

Trails and routes wide enough to accommodate appropriate equipment may be graded, as needed, allowing soils to settle over the winter. Grading will generally be conducted in the fall to allow for set up over the winter and will be specified on the grant agreement .

Signs are supplied by the Department or USDA Forest Service and are installed by the grantee. Guidelines for signs and sign placement are in the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail and Route Maintenance Handbook (IC1991) issued for the grant period. Reimbursement for special sign needs may be considered, and requires prior approval from the Department.

## **SPECIAL MAINTENANCE, NEW DEVELOPMENT & RESTORATION PROJECTS**

### Professional Services

The grantee's responsibility is to arrange for the design and construction of special maintenance projects listed on their grant agreement. This includes, but is not limited to: selecting a licensed professional (such as an engineering firm); overseeing preparation of plans and specifications; applying for permits; advertising for bids; awarding construction contracts; monitoring progress of construction; coordinating with, and reporting problems to the FRD Contact.

If engineered plans are required for the project (as described below), the plans must include necessary measurements, drawings and specifications to allow preparation of clear and complete bidding documents. Please allow additional time for review of plans and specifications by the Department during project planning. The trail sponsor must not advertise for bids or start work until receiving written authorization from the Department.

All projects involving on-site construction of structures or placement of pre-fabricated/pre-engineered structures, new development and damage restoration projects must be designed, advertised and supervised by an engineering firm. This includes, but is not limited to: construction and/or placement of site-built bridges, pre-engineered bridges, pavilions, other buildings, and all associated appurtenances such as bridge abutments and soil stabilization; all projects for installation of a new culvert; all projects for replacement of a culvert with a different size culvert (either larger or smaller in diameter, or longer or shorter in length). Expenses related to the engineering of these projects are reimbursable and must be included in the project cost estimate.

In addition, if a project of any kind is estimated to cost more than \$15,000 a professional consultant(s) must be hired to prepare plans, specifications, reports, or land surveys with one or more seals by a Registered Architect, Registered Professional Engineer, Registered Land Surveyor, or a Registered Landscape Architect as called for in 1980 PA 299. The trail sponsor is responsible for providing a completed form *Professional Services Certification (PR1903 -1)* to their FMD Unit Contact. The form must list the name and State registration number of each licensed professional hired for the design of the project.

A grantee agency or organization may have plans and specifications prepared by their own staff, if they have a qualified registered professional for the area of expertise required. Otherwise, a professional consultant(s) must be hired to prepare plans, specifications, reports, and/or perform land surveys.

For all cases in which a registered professional is required, use the Department's Professional Services form PR1903-1 to report the names and state registration numbers of the professionals to be used, whether they are on staff within the agency or organization or will be contracted for the project. Include any registered professional sub-contractors. Submit the completed form to the Department's Recreation and Trails Section in FRD. The registered professional contractor and the grantee are responsible for obtaining and submitting the certifications, permits, and agency approvals required for the particular project.

### Plans and Specifications

If a construction project will occur on state land, additional review by the DNR Engineers will be required. Please allow for additional review time during project planning.

For all construction projects, the documents listed below are required to be submitted for review and approval to the Department prior to the letting of bids or the purchase of materials. Send one copy of each to the FRD Field Unit Manager or designee and one copy to the Recreation and Trails Section, FRD PO Box 30452 Lansing, MI 48909-7952.

1. Sealed final construction plans.
2. Sealed work and material specifications.
3. Itemized cost estimate, including fee for consultant(s).
4. Construction documents for projects or portions of projects done by contract, including advertisements for bid, bid proposal, instructions to bidders, and general conditions.
5. A completed Professional Services form (PR1903-1).
6. All applicable permits and approvals.

All sets of plans and specifications submitted to the Department shall bear the seal or seals of the registered professional(s) who prepared the plans. Nonstructural projects do not require sealed plans; however, the signature of the individual(s) who prepared them is required. The Department may require corrections to be made prior to advertising for bids on contract projects or the start of construction on force account projects.

### Change Orders

Changes to Department-approved plans and specifications are not to be made without written approval from the Department. If the project is being constructed by contract, and these changes affect the dollar amount of the contract, a copy of the Change Order must be submitted with the Request for Reimbursement form (PR 1990-1). Failure to obtain prior approval may cause these items to be ineligible for reimbursement.

Change Orders will be required in the following cases:

1. Adding or deleting a project scope item.
2. Changing the nature of a scope item.
3. Adding or deleting an element of the contract (example: materials to be supplied by contractor).

With all proposed changes, be sure to check with the appropriate FRD Management Unit Manager or Designee contact for corresponding changes to the grant agreement that may be needed.

### Regulatory Approvals and Permits

Award of a grant by the Department in no way insures or implies that all applicable permits will be issued. Contact state and local agencies for information on applying for, and obtaining, permits.

State agencies may include:

- Michigan Department Environmental Quality ([www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq))
- Michigan Department of Community Health ([www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch))
- Michigan Department of Transportation ([www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot))

Local agencies may include:

- County Health Department
- County Road Commission
- County Drain Commissioner
- Local Building Inspector

### Quotes and Bids

For construction contracts or purchases between \$2,500 and \$24,999, advertising for bids is not required, but a minimum of three (3) written quotes must be solicited and submitted to the Department for review and approval. If three quotes cannot be obtained, the grantee must notify the Department in writing, stating the reasons for obtaining fewer than three quotes. The written justification for not submitting three quotes will be taken into consideration and a determination made to approve or require a repeat of the process.

Competitive open bidding is required for all contracts and material purchases of \$25,000 and more. The grantee is to inform all bidders in the advertisement that state funds are being used to assist in construction, and that relevant state requirements apply, including prevailing wage requirements for construction projects (1965 PA 166).

For contract projects, the grantee is required to submit to the Department a bid tabulation, including alternates, if any, and recommendation for award. Use the Bid Tabulation and Authorization form (PR1993). The Department will review the bid tabulation and letter of intent to award the contract, and will notify the grantee of the decision to accept or reject the proposal to award the contract. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest bidder, unless the grantee can adequately justify in writing, the awarding of the contract to an alternate. A decision by the Department regarding awarding of a contract to a bidder other than the lowest bidder will be issued in writing.

Equipment Costs:

If equipment owned by the trail sponsor is used to complete construction of a special maintenance project, the following information must be submitted in order to receive reimbursement (see example).

- Equipment number (if applicable)
- Type of equipment
- Rate charged for the equipment
- Number of hours used
- Total cost for the use of the equipment
- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) equipment number obtained from their Equipment Rental Rates, Schedule C booklet, for the year in which the equipment was used. These can be obtained from the MDOT, Maintenance Division at:  
*[http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9625\\_25885\\_40414---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9625_25885_40414---,00.html)*
- Fill out and return form PR 1853 with reimbursement request.

EQUIPMENT USAGE EXAMPLE						
Date	Grantee's Equipment Number	Equipment Type	Hourly Rate	Hours	Total Charged to Project	MDOT#
June 3, 2XXX	3	1984 Dodge Pickup	\$4.38	2	\$ 8.76	12.300 96.006
June 3, 2XXX	18	1969 Hough Front End Loader	\$21.98	4	\$87.92	47.405 96.006
June 3-5, 2XXX	20	International Backhoe	\$25.54	5	\$127.70	70.103 85.303 70.500
June 3-5, 2XXX	31	1977 Hough Front End Loader	\$21.98	8	\$175.84	47.405 96.006
June 3-5, 2XXX	36	1983 Ford Dump Truck	\$10.82	4	\$43.28	12.304
TOTAL EQUIPMENT					\$443.50	

Performance of Construction by Contract

All contracts must comply with the grant agreement for the project. The grantee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the grant agreement as well as all applicable state laws and rules.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Michigan Civil Rights Act (1976 PA 453) and the Michigan Handicapped Rights Act (1976 PA 220), the grantee and its agents shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, or because of a disability unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.

The grantee and its agent(s) are required to include the above nondiscrimination provision in any contracts and subcontracts.

## **REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION FOR MAINTENANCE WORK AND ALL PROJECTS**

### Reporting and Notification Requirements

1. Grantees must notify the appropriate FRD Management Unit Manager or designee, prior to doing any work on state land. For trail work located on National Forest land, grantees must notify the designated USDA Forest Service Ranger District office. When contacting the appropriate agency, indicate the trails, routes, and segments that will be worked on and what will be done, based on the scope of work in the grant agreement.
2. Grantees are required to report on the work accomplished, using the ORV Grants Program ORV Trail and Route Sign Installation Log (PR 1990-3). Complete the forms and submit them to the Department or USDA Forest Service. The appropriate trail map showing the location of work accomplished must accompany these reports.
3. The Department or USDA Forest Service will inspect the work, authorize payment or report deficiencies to the grantee for corrective action.
4. When all work and any required corrections have been completed to the satisfaction of the Department or USDA Forest Service, the approved work sheets, sign installation logs, maps and reimbursement request form will be forwarded to FRD's Program Services Section to process payment for approved work. See Reimbursement Procedures on page 11 in this booklet for more information.

## ***GRANTEE PERFORMANCE***

The Department has established performance criteria for implementing the ORV Trail Improvement Program grants, and requires all grantees to comply. Following is the criteria and the consequences of noncompliance.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

#### Performance Criterion

The grantee must be a public agency or maintain status as a non-profit organization in the state of Michigan. The grantee must comply with all applicable state laws and regulations. All necessary permits must be obtained prior to initiating any work that may require such permits.

#### Penalty

Failure to meet this criterion is a violation of the law and will result in a Notice of Failure to Perform issued by the Department. The grantee will have three (3) working days to comply with the grant agreement or be terminated from the program.

### **COMPLETE AND ACCURATE FORMS AND SUBMITTALS**

#### Performance Criterion

The grantee must meet the Department grant application due date and due dates for all other forms and reports. Forms must be filled out completely and accurately.

#### Penalty

Failure to meet the grant application deadline may result in the application being rejected. Falsification of any documents, forms or reports will result in a Notice of Failure to Perform issued by the Department and immediate termination from the grant program.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH SIGNING, GRADING AND BRUSHING STANDARDS**

#### Performance Criterion

The grantee must meet standards for items applicable to the grant, as defined in the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail and Route Maintenance Handbook (IC1991) issued for the grant period, and provisions of the grant agreement.

#### Penalty

Failure to meet specified, published standards will result in a Notice of Failure to Perform issued by the Department. Each Notice of Failure to Perform may result in a 5% reduction in the total grant amount.

### **TIMELY COMPLETION OF SPECIAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

#### Performance Criterion

The grantee must complete all approved and funded special maintenance projects within the timeframe specified in the grant agreement, or request an extension of the deadline (expiration date of the grant agreement) at least 45 days prior to the deadline (no later than August 15).

#### Penalty

Failure of the grantee to complete special maintenance projects in the specified grant period will result in a Notice of Failure to Perform, unless a time extension is requested by the grantee at least 45 days prior to the deadline, and is approved by the Department.

### **TIMELY REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND/OR PROJECTS**

#### Performance Criterion

The grantee must complete the scope of work as listed on the grant agreement or submit a request to the Department for a change at least 45 days prior to the close of the fiscal year the grant was written (ex: FY 11 grant deadline date would be August 15, 2011). The grantee must complete projects according to the plans and specifications approved by the Department unless a request for change has been submitted and approved.

#### Penalty

Failure of the grantee to complete scope items in the grant agreement and/or complete projects according to Department-approved plans and specifications will result in a Notice of Failure to Perform, unless changes have been approved by the Department.

## CUMULATIVE PENALTIES

Receipt of three Notices of Failure to Perform within a two-year period is cause for termination from the program or placement on one year probation. Receipt of a Notice of Failure to Perform while on probation is cause for termination from the program.

## **REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES**

### REIMBURSEMENT RATES

#### ORV Trail and ORV Route Maintenance Reimbursement Rates

**ORV Trails: \$30.50/mile spring and \$30.50/mile summer**

**ORV Routes: \$23/mile spring and \$23/mile summer**

Seasonal reimbursements are calculated based on trail and route mileage rates as shown above. The grantee must supply all labor and equipment necessary to accomplish trail and route maintenance.

**Reimbursement request and supporting documentation should be submitted to FRD Contact within 7 days of completion of both the spring and summer maintenance run.**

#### ORV Trail and Route Grading Reimbursement Rates

**ORV Trails: \$109/mile** (requires specialized equipment)

**ORV Routes: Competitive bid or Michigan Department of Transportation Equipment Rental Rates, if using grantee owned equipment** (typically requires road grading equipment)

Reimbursements for trail grading are calculated based on the rates indicated above. The grantee must supply all labor and equipment necessary to accomplish trail and route grading.

#### Liability Insurance Costs

The actual cost of required liability insurance, supported with proper documentation including the insurance declaration sheet, is reimbursable through the grant program. The maximum amount payable is \$2,500 unless otherwise approved by the Department. The deductible applicable to a claim is not a reimbursable expense.

#### Advance Payment Request

Advance payment request are available upon request for the following:

Trail Grading – 25% completed form 1838-1

Route Grading – 25% completed form 1838-1

Special Maintenance – 75% on a project by project basis completed form 1838-3 with copies of quotes and recommendation for contact award.

All advance payments must have documentation of expenditures and proof of payment to FRD Contact within 45 days of the advance.

### REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

Refer to the instructions on the forms listed on the next page for reimbursement procedures.

#### Forms

- PR1838-1 Trail & Route Maintenance & Grading Reimbursement Request
- PR1838-3 Restoration/Special Maintenance & Insurance Reimbursement Request
- PR1838-4 Land & New Development Reimbursement Request
- PR1990-3 ORV Trail, Route, Area Sign Installation Log
- PR1853 Sponsor Owned Equipment Costs (to be used with MDOT Schedule C) refer to page 9 for instructions

#### Reimbursement Based on Per-Mile Rates

To receive reimbursement for maintenance work performed, submit completed and signed forms PR1838-1 and PR1990-3 to the appropriate FRD Contact. Inspection of the work may be conducted by the Department or the USDA Forest Service prior to approval for reimbursement.

#### Reimbursement of Actual Expenditures

To receive reimbursement of expenditure, submit completed and signed form PR1990-1, a copy of the invoice/receipt, and documentation that the grantee has paid for the expenditure. Be sure that the item to be purchased or the service to be contracted is included on the grant agreement for the project.

For the purposes of the ORV Trail Improvement Program, any one of the following will be considered proper documentation for reimbursement.

#### ***If paying by check...***

Provide a copy of the invoice, and the front and back of the cancelled check. Or, provide a copy of the invoice, the front of the check and a copy of the bank statement showing that the check has cleared the financial institution.

#### ***If paying by bank check or money order...***

Provide a copy of the invoice, and the front of the official bank check or money order.

#### ***If paying by credit card...***

Provide a copy of the invoice and credit card charge form, and the credit card statement with the charge on it.

#### ***If paying with cash... only for purchases of \$99.99 or less...***

Provide a copy of the invoice showing what was purchased, total price, date of purchase, and marked "Paid in Full – Cash." Payment for purchases or services in the amount of \$100 or more must be documented as indicated above for check, money order, or credit card.

#### Electronic Fund Transfer Payments

The Department makes payments to grantees through electronic fund transfers (EFT). Grantees must register through the state of Michigan, Office of the Budget, Contract & Payment Express website at [www.cpexpress.state.mi.us](http://www.cpexpress.state.mi.us). Follow the online instructions. If registering for EFT payments for the first time, allow two weeks for completion of the registration process.

For assistance with EFT registration, contact the State of Michigan, Office of the Budget at:

State of Michigan, Payee Registration, PO Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909  
Payee Registration Helpline: 517-373-4111 (Lansing area) or 888-734-9749

# APPENDIX

## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION

### UPPER PENINSULA

#### **Baraga Management Unit**

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FAX: 906-353-7464

#### **Crystal Falls Management Unit**

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Telephone: 906-875-6622

FAX: 906-875-3336

#### **Gwinn Management Unit**

410 Hwy M-35 West, Gwinn, MI 49841

Telephone: 906-346-9201

FAX: 906-346-9681

#### **Escanaba Management Unit**

6833 Hwy 2/41/M-35, Gladstone, MI 49837

Telephone: 906-786-2354

FAX: 906-786-2384

#### **Newberry Management Unit**

5666 Hwy M-123, PO Box 428, Newberry, MI 49887

Telephone: 906-293-3293

FAX: 906-293-8530

#### **Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit**

2001 Ashmun St. PO Box 798, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Telephone: 906-635-5281

FAX: 906-635-5282

#### **Shingleton Management Unit**

Hwy M-28 West, PO Box 67,

Shingleton, MI 49884

Telephone: 906-452-6227

FAX: 906-452-6584

### LOWER PENINSULA

#### **Atlanta Management Unit**

13501 Hwy M-33, Atlanta, MI 49709

Telephone: 989-785-4251

FAX: 989-785-3513

#### **Cadillac Management Unit**

8015 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601

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FAX: 231-775-9671

#### **Gaylord Management Unit**

1732 Hwy M-32 West, Gaylord, MI 49735

Telephone: 989-732-3541

FAX: 989-731-6214

#### **Gladwin Management Unit**

801 North Silverleaf Road, Gladwin, MI 48624

Telephone: 989-426-9205

FAX: 989-426-1454

#### **Grayling Management Unit**

1955 North US I-75 BL, Grayling, MI 49738

Telephone: 989-348-6371

FAX: 989-348-8825

#### **Pigeon River Country Management Unit**

9966 Twin Lakes Road, Vanderbilt, MI 49795

Telephone: 989-983-4101

FAX: 989-983-3957

#### **Roscommon Management Unit**

8717 North Roscommon Road, PO Box 218

Roscommon, MI 48653

Telephone: 989-275-4622

FAX: 989-275-6203

#### **Traverse City Management Unit**

970 Emerson Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

Telephone: 231-922-5280

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UPPER PENINSULA

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**Manistique Ranger District**

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Telephone: 906-341-5666  
FAX: 906-341-8423

**Munising Ranger District**

400 East Munising Ave, Munising, MI 49862  
Telephone: 906-387-2512  
FAX: 906-387-2070

**Rapid River Ranger District**

8181 US-2, Rapid River, MI 49829  
Telephone: 906-474-6442  
FAX: 906-474-9122

**Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District**

4000 I-75 BL, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Telephone: 906-635-5311  
FAX: 906-635-9154

**St. Ignace Ranger District**

1900 West US-2, St. Ignace, MI 49781  
Telephone: 906-643-7900  
FAX: 906-643-8759

**Ottawa National Forest**

**Bessemer Ranger District**

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**Iron River Ranger District**

990 Lalley Road, Iron River, MI 49935  
Telephone: 906-265-5139  
FAX: 906-265-6536

**Kenton Ranger District**

4810 East M-28, Kenton, MI 49967  
Telephone: 906-852-3500  
FAX: 906-852-3618

**Ontonagon Ranger District**

1209 Rockland Road, Ontonagon, MI 49953  
Telephone: 906-884-2085  
FAX: 906-884-4830

**Watersmeet Ranger District**

E24036 Old US-2 East, Watersmeet, MI 49969  
Telephone: 906-358-4551  
FAX: 906-358-4829

LOWER PENINSULA

**Huron-Manistee National Forests**

1755 S. Mitchell St.  
Cadillac, MI 49601

**Baldwin/White Cloud Ranger Station**

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FAX: 231-745-2345

**Manistee Ranger Station**

412 Red Apple Road, Manistee, MI 49660  
Telephone: 231-723-2211  
FAX: 231-723-8642

**Huron Shores Ranger Station**

5761 North Skeel Road, Oscoda, MI 48750  
Telephone: 989-739-0728  
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**Mio Ranger Station**

107 McKinley Street, Mio, MI 48647  
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