

Question	Answer(s)
<p>We are a State Park (Mexico Point State Park) administered by the Town of Mexico. We are not listed as a State Park, however, and have no MOU with the State. How do we go about getting an MOU so we can apply for a grant?</p>	<p>To achieve an official agreement with OPHRP, the best place to start is with your regional New York State Parks office. Regional offices and contacts can be found here: <a href="https://parks.ny.gov/regions/">https://parks.ny.gov/regions/</a></p>
<p>If our land trust is working to the DEC to be give them a public access easement on a property but we will remain the fee owners of the property, are we precluded from applying for this grant for trail creation? We are also interested in trails on other lands that we purchased but will be conveying to the DEC.</p>	<p>I would suggest contacting your regional director of the DEC to set up a Volunteer Service Agreement for those areas. The trail sections that you would ask for funding for would have to reside on those DEC parcels.</p>
<p>Can a state employee's time spent on the project be used towards the match?</p>	<p>This is considered using state money to match state funds, so a state employee's time cannot be used towards the match.</p>
<p>Can an organization apply for multiple grants?</p>	<p>Yes, however you can only apply for one grant category at a time. That said, this is a very competitive program with limited funding and is dependent on how many applications we receive during the given round, thus it is very rare to fund two projects from one organization during the same round.</p>
<p>Does time spent writing the grant request count as matching volunteer time?</p>	<p>Grant administration can be claimed as in-kind for the grant, however that is limited to time spent AFTER the grant has been awarded and the official Grant Agreement has been signed (e.g. filling out the interim report). These funds cannot reimburse work that has been done prior to the signing of the Agreement, therefore the initial writing of the grant cannot be claimed as in-kind.</p>
<p>Can building an informational kiosk and renovating a trail count as the same grant?</p>	<p>Yes, it could be included within the same grant proposal. Many projects we have funded previously have taken this route. We suggest that the projects fit together "thematically" or feels connected/related- not disjointed or scattered.</p>