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Government Grants (Federal)	Community Development Block Grant Housing and Public Facilities Grants	Although typically used for housing rehabilitation and job creation for low- and moderate- income individuals, CDBG funds may potentially support accessibility connections between low- and moderate-income residential neighborhoods and trail facilities.	Up to \$500,000	Twice per year (January and July)	Southwest Region Planning Commission: 603-357-0557 or admin@swrpc.org
Government Grants (Federal)	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Recreation Economy for Rural Communities	Planning assistance program with special consideration for small towns and economically disadvantaged areas. Northern Borders Regional Commission areas are favored (all of Cheshire County).	No direct funding - technical assistance only	Last Round (Inaugural) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May webinar - Closed May 31, 2019 - Summer review - Fall notification 	receconomy@epa.gov
Government Grants (Federal)	National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Program	Past projects include the design of local wayfinding systems. The program could also be considered a possible funding source for historic and cultural projects along the trail, including the design and installation of interpretive resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set levels: \$25,000, \$50,000, \$75,000, \$100,000, \$150,000, or \$200,000 - 50% local match required 	Annually Last Round <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit to grants.gov August 8, 2019 - April 2020 Announcement of award or rejection - July 1, 2020 start of period of performance 	ot@arts.gov

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Government Grants (Federal)	National Parks Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program	The program supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects around the country. Assistance could be related to inventories, collaboration, outreach, concept plans, developing an organization, funding strategies, and more.	No direct funding - technical assistance only	Annually <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 30 application deadline (consultation with program manager is a requirement to apply) - Applicants notified of decisions before November 1 	Lelia Mellen, NH Projects Director of the Rivers & Trails Program at the National Parks Service: 802-457-3368 x214 or lelia_mellen@nps.gov
Government Grants (State)	New Hampshire Bureau of Trails Grant In Aid Program	Assistance to organized, non-profit off highway recreational vehicle (OHRV) clubs, snowmobile (SMC) clubs and political subdivisions (such as towns and municipalities) for projects that will benefit the ridership of OHRVs and snowmobiles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ~\$1.6 million statewide in 2018/2019 fiscal year - Many awards less than \$10,000 Match Varies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100% cost of materials for maintenance - 60% cost of renting equipment/contracting - 100% cost of trail signs 	Summer Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications e-mailed directly to clubs in April - Due in May - Clubs notified in June - Agreements effective through December 31st Winter Grooming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications e-mailed at end of August/September - Due October - Clubs notified November - Agreements effective through May 31st 	Lisa Meffert, Bureau of Trails: 603-271-3254 x202 or lisa.meffert@dncr.nh.gov

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Government Grants (State)	New Hampshire Bureau of Trails Recreational Trails Program	Funding for quality public trail projects throughout New Hampshire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ~\$800,000 statewide, annually - \$8,000 - \$80,000 available per project - 20% local match required 	<p>Annually, date changes each year but generally due mid-June.</p> <p>The application for each fiscal year is posted in the spring.</p>	Alexis Rudko, Bureau of Trails: 603-271-3254 or Alexis.Rudko@dn-cr.nh.gov
Government Grants (State)	New Hampshire Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program	Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects are eligible under the program, but in order to score well, an application would need to demonstrate that proposed activities would promote mode shift from auto transportation to walking and bicycling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$13.5 million statewide in 2019 - \$1.5 million project maximum - 20% local match required 	<p>Annually Last Round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opened May 1, 2019 - Letters of interest due June 14, 2019 - Mandatory informational meeting June 2019 - Applications due September 6, 2019 - Scores and Ranking due November 1, 2019 	Thomas Jameson, Program Manager in the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance at the New Hampshire Department of Transportation: 603-271-3462 or tom.jameson@dot.nh.gov
Government Grants (State)	New Hampshire Department of Transportation Ten Year Plan	Every two years, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation proposes a plan for improvements to the State's transportation system. The plan includes allocations to the RTP, CMAQ, and TAP (below) as well as a regional allocation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional allocation varies by year - No local match requirement 	2018 application deadline was October 19, 2018	J. B. Mack, Principal Planner at Southwest Region Planning Commission: 603-357-0557 or jbmack@swrpc.org

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Government Grants (State)	New Hampshire Department of Transportation Alternatives Program	The competitive program has in the past funded rail trails projects, including the planned improvement of the Ashuelot Rail Trail in Swanzey, from Eaton Road to the Swanzey-Winchester town line.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$5.7 million statewide in 2018/19 - Minimum of \$400,000, maximum of \$1,000,000 (total project costs) - 20% local match required 	2018 round awarded two years of funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter of interest due July - Applications due September 	Thomas Jameson, Program Manager in the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance at the New Hampshire Department of Transportation: 603-271-3462 or tom.jameson@dot.nh.gov
Government Grants (State)	New Hampshire State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund	Projects must be in direct support of public outdoor recreational uses of related properties and/or facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$25,000 minimum and \$200,000 maximum funding request limits - 50% local match required 	Round 30 letters of intent were due June 28, 2019	Bill Gegas, Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Specialist or Eric Feldbaum, Community Relations Specialist: 603-271-3556 or lwcf@dncr.nh.gov
Government Grants (State)	Northern Border Regional Commission Economic and Infrastructure Development	The Economic and Infrastructure Grant Program supports a variety infrastructure project types, including those related to transportation, conservation, tourism, and recreation. In the past, the project has made awards to trails projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to \$500,000 - Up to 50% match - Can be used as match for federal grants (up to 80% of total project) 	Annually Last Round <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications due May 10, 2019 - Decision for funding July 2019 	Mollie Kaylor, NBRC Program Manager at the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs: 603-271-2591 or mollie.kaylor@livefree.nh.gov

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Grants from Private Entities	America Walks Community Change Grants	Since 2015, America Walks has offered an annual grant round offering \$1,500 to projects creating or supporting physical activity and active transportation.	\$1,500 maximum	Annually Typically open in the fall and awarded for the full calendar year following. Last Round - Applications due November 8, 2019 - Awardees notified December 2019	Heidi Simon at hsimon@americawalks.org
Grants from Private Entities	Cogswell Benevolent Trust	Broad range of grant recipients and activities.	No information is published.	The Trustees of the Cogswell Benevolent Trust meet monthly. Proposals may be submitted at any time; there are no deadlines or funding dates.	Cogswell Benevolent Trust at 603-622-4013 or info@cogswellbenevolenttrust.org
Grants from Private Entities	Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation Complete Streets Implementation	Supports construction activities designed to implement an adopted Complete Streets policy and design guidelines.	Up to \$90,000 was available in 2019	Offered most recently in 2019: - Applications due July 31, 2019 - Award notification late fall 2019	Henry Underwood, GIS Specialist/Planner at Southwest Region Planning Commission: 603-357-0557 or hunderwood@swrpc.org
Grants from Private Entities	New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Community Grants Program Express Grants	A wide variety of activities are eligible. Rail trail projects have received the award in the past.	Up to \$5,000	Offered most recently in 2019: - Applications due May 15, 2020	Wendy Cahill, Senior Community Grants Associate at New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: 603-225-6641 x21249 or Wendy.Cahill@nhcf.org

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Grants from Private Entities	Rails to Trails Conservancy Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund	Provides funding to support organizations and municipalities that are implementing projects to build and improve multi-use trails	In 2019, \$105,000 was awarded nationwide: - 3-4 in \$5-10,000 range - 1-2 in \$15-50,000 range	- December 1, 2018 – Online Application process opens - January 31, 2019 – Application must be submitted - May 30, 2019 – awards announced	grants@railstotrails.org
Grants from Private Entities	Roy A. Hunt Foundation General Grant	Past awards have included park infrastructure improvement projects in the State of New Hampshire.	In 2018, 365 grants were awarded a total of \$2,607,359: - \$5,000 - \$10,000 each	Twice Annually June 2020 Meeting - Due between January 13 – February 21, 2020 November 2020 Meeting - Due June 8 – July 17, 2020	Call 412-281-8734 or e-mail info@rahuntfdn.org
Grants from Private Entities	The Timken Company Charitable Education Fund	The fund supports local communities in the area of basic needs, education and community development.	Generally \$500 - \$10,000	Accepted year-round	grants@timken.com
Other Funding Sources	Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	Currently, the Ashuelot Rail Trail does not pass through any existing TIF districts. If a municipality did wish to use TIF to support rail trail improvements, those planned improvements would need to be included in a TIF District Plan.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Other Funding Sources	Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund	Under RSA 261:153-VI , local municipalities may require a surcharge of up to \$5 for each vehicle registration. Proceeds from local vehicle registration fees may be used to make improvements to the local transportation system, including pedestrian and bicyclist facilities.	Varies by municipality	Not Applicable	Varies by municipality
Other Funding Sources	The Local Crowd Monadnock	The Local Crowd (TLC) Monadnock is the Monadnock Region’s local crowdfunding platform.	Up to \$15,000	Latest round open until January 17, 2020	Jen Risley, Monadnock Food Co-op at 603-283-5401 or marketing@monadnockfood.coop