

## TRAIL ACCELERATOR GRANT PROGRAM

A Trail Accelerator grant offers awardees professional trail planning and consultation services to launch their trail development efforts. This grant has a proven track record of unlocking additional investment from local, regional, and national partners.



IMBA's Trail Accelerator grant program has awarded **42 grants** totaling **\$577,000** in funding for professional planning and design services. These plans were the catalyst for unlocking **\$12.8 million** in additional funding for local trail projects. Through their support, these program donors have made investing in community trail projects a top priority. Their investment in more trails close to home will have a positive impact on dozens of communities and thousands of people for years to come.

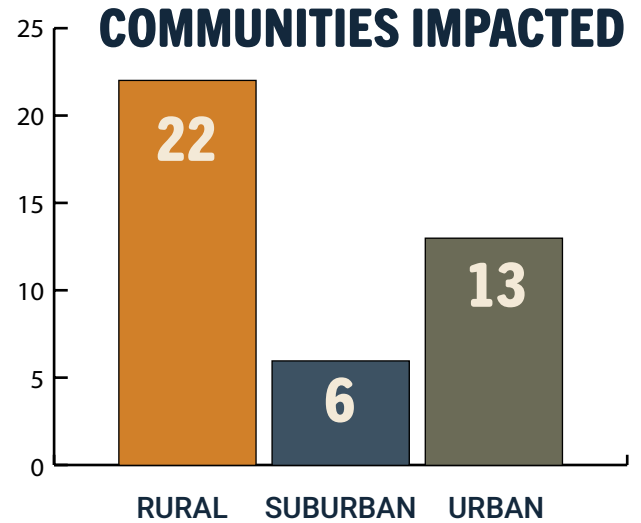
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## BY THE NUMBERS (2018-2022)



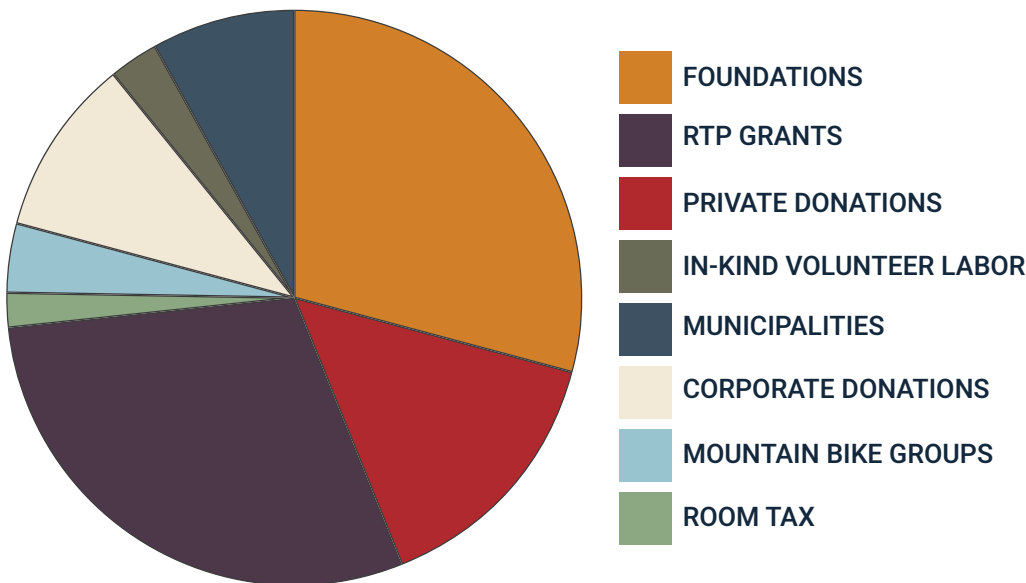
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APPLICATIONS  
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**42**  
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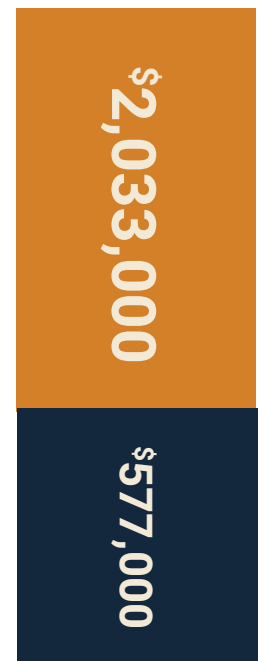


**THESE DELIVERABLES UNLOCKED \$12.8M IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

### SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING



### AMOUNT REQUESTED



**18 PROJECTS SUPPORT YOUTH PROGRAMMING & NICA VENUES**



**AMOUNT FUNDED**

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



### GATEWAY TRAIL PROJECT, LA CROSSE, WI

The overall concept plan completed by IMBA Trail Solutions recommended 9-12 miles of trail, with the phase one design resulting in five miles of trail built by RockSolid in 2020. The City of LaCrosse awarded \$125,000 toward phase one construction and Outdoor Recreation Alliance raised more than \$300,000 for phase one, which included one six figure donation. Planning is being discussed for future phases and another \$100,000 donation has been awarded for future construction. Along with providing trail riding experiences for all ages and ability levels, the Gateway Trails have been recognized by adaptive riders for barrier-free access, and are being enjoyed by hikers and trail runners.



### JUNIPER BASIN BIKE PARK, FARMINGTON, NM

This 93-acre property went through conceptual bike park planning with IMBA Trail Solutions after being awarded in 2020, with the goal of including a pump track, bicycle playground, jump lines and 8 miles of trails for all levels. Following the concept plan, IMBA Trail Solutions created a highly detailed design development plan set that will guide the City of Farmington through contractor bidding to implementation. In early 2023, the project received a \$100,000 grant from the Outdoor Recreation Division of the NM Economic Development Department to help fund the first phase of construction, likely to begin later that year.



“The IMBA Trail Accelerator grant has been a critical tool for West Virginia’s communities, advocacy groups, land managers to coordinate and collaborate around trails. In doing so we have developed action-oriented plans that lead to dirt being moved with the ultimate goal of enhancing access to high quality trail systems by lowering the barriers to entry and bringing trails closer to home.”

**DANNY TWILLEY, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT,  
BRAD & ALYS SMITH OUTDOOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COLLABORATIVE AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**

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### WALDEN'S RIDGE PARK, CHATTANOOGA, TN

The North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy was one of the first Trail Accelerator grant awardees in 2018, the inaugural year of the program. The resulting concept plan identified 12 miles of trails for mountain biking, hiking and rock climbing access on this 200-acre, steeply sloped property. The vision for the trails included gravity-focused options for intermediate and advanced riders—a unique experience not available at other nearby trail systems. After unlocking more than \$1 million for two different phases of design and construction led by IMBA Trail Solutions, the park is complete and plans to open in spring 2023.

### WHAT'S NEXT

“ Trail Accelerator grants have proven to be a powerful tool in helping communities unlock local funding for trails. We're now seeing more trails and counting as trails are created in communities that received awards two and three years ago. It's amazing the momentum a community can generate for trails with a professional trail plan in-hand. We look forward to partnering with new communities on trail plans and beyond, and your support helps sustain this momentum. ”

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