

RiseVT Grant Application

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**federal id #
03-6000646**

**project name
Richmond Trails Committee Sign Unification Project**

**dollar amount requested
\$1,250.00**

summarize your project or program in two sentences

The mission of the Trails Committee is to establish paths for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Richmond, to maintain these paths, to link with other towns when feasible, and to promote safe citizen use of these paths.

The mission of this Trail signage project is to establish clear and unified signage of all trails in Richmond that identify the trail by name, provide wayfinding and/or directional information

provide a detailed description of your project

Richmond has developed a network of trails throughout the town. Currently the Richmond Trails Committee is working to enhance the connectivity of the trails through unified signage. At trails entrances, exits and junctures these signs would accentuate where a walker/hiker/biker can go next, the name of the trail and potential connections to other trails.

The Covid Pandemic has highlighted the need for local, accessible and well marked trails for area residents to recreate safely. By placing well marked signage at the entrances, exits and junctures of the trails, area users will know where they are and where they are heading.

Recently, the Richmond Trails Committee has focused on how to connect the existing trails, both in our town and with adjoining towns. The proposed signage would allow users to travel safely within the trail network.

Better markers and signs along the trails should prevent user confusion. Signage can be there to show the way regardless of the time of day or the weather.

Proper trail signage allows visitors to move through a natural area without disrupting the rustic environment.

Several of our trails are on private property. The property owners have allowed us through access via a trail. There will be signage to remind trail users to stay on the trail when crossing private property.

Describe which strategies in the Recommended Community Strategies and Measurements to Prevent Obesity in the United States from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention your project/program is most aligned with.

16. Improve access to outdoor recreational facilities

The proposed signage would be helpful and make the experience more enjoyable to the users. Appropriate signage could improve access by reassuring users that they are on the correct path and that they can safely return to their point of origin.

17. Enhance infrastructure supporting bicycling and 18. Enhance infrastructure supporting walking

Cyclists/walkers and hikers will now have accurate information about the trail they are accessing, and where they can go at a trail juncture. Several signs will also let trail users know who has the right of way on the uphill.

*22. Enhancing personal safety in areas where persons are or could be physically active
911 accessibility*

Providing appropriate signage will greatly increase the chance for First Responders and Richmond Rescue to access an injured hiker/walker/cyclist by providing a clearer map of where the injured party is located.

When someone needs emergency help on a **trail**, the information on the signpost will help **911** dispatchers locate the caller with an increased level of accuracy.

provide a brief description of what RiseVT funding will pay for

MDO sign board - $\frac{3}{4}$ " in thick in 4' x 8' sheets - 4 sheets - \$400.00

$\frac{1}{8}$ " cedar strips for around the signs - \$50

1" x 6" inch cedar fastening brackets - \$50

wood glue/screws - \$40

computer layout and design of each individual sign - \$800.00

50+ volunteer hours to sand, paint and varnish the signs and to place the signs at all the appropriate sites - \$0.00



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