

Funding Possibilities

The management plan includes many studies, projects and ideas that inevitably will achieve the goals set forth in this management plan. There is one key component yet to be addressed in the implementation of the management plan. This component carries the most concern among local officials and, at the same time, is one of the most attractive benefits of Heritage Route designation. The following is a list of potential funding sources to be used in carrying out identified studies and projects along the U.P. Hidden Coast Recreation Route.



Heritage Route Program

- Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds for planning, research and education.
- This program is only available to Heritage Routes in Michigan. The contact is Pete Hanses.
- No match is required.



National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grants Program

- Provides merit-based funding for byway-related projects each year.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) solicits projects through State transportation agencies.
- When first considering development and submission of a scenic byway grant, applicants should contact the State's scenic byway coordinator, Pete Hanses to review requirements, and to discuss the eligibility of the proposed projects.
- More information is available at www.bywayonline.org.



MDOT Transportation Enhancement Program

- This program has twelve eligible activities relating to nonmotorized, transportation aesthetics, historic preservation and water quality and wildlife. The twelve activities are listed below.

Transportation Enhancement Activities	Description
1. Provision of Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles	New or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, bus racks, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses
2. Provision of Safety and Educational Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists	Programs designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets and signage.
3. Acquisition of Scenic Easements and Scenic or Historic Sites	Acquisition of scenic land easements, vistas and landscapes; purchase of buildings in historic district or historic properties; preservation of farmland.
4. Scenic or Historic Highway Programs (Including the Provision of Tourist and Welcome Center Facilities)	Construction of turnouts, overlooks, visitor centers, viewing areas, designation signs and markers.
5. Landscaping and Other Scenic Beautification	Improvements such as street furniture, lighting, public art; landscaping along streets, historic highways, trails, interstates, waterfronts and gateways.
6. Historic Preservation	Preservation of buildings and facades in historic districts; restoration and reuse of historic buildings for transportation-related purposes; access improvements to historic sites and buildings.
7. Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities (Including Historic Railroad Facilities and Canals)	Restoration of railroad depots, bus stations and lighthouses; rehabilitation of rail trestles, tunnels and bridges.
8. Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors (Including the Conversion and Use thereof for Pedestrian or Bicycle Trails)	Acquiring railroad rights-of-way; planning, designing and constructing multi-use trails; developing real-with-trail projects; purchasing unused railroad property for reuse.
9. Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising	Billboard inventories or removal of illegal and nonconforming billboards.

Transportation Enhancement Activities	Description
10. Archaeological Planning and Research	Research, preservation planning and interpretation; developing interpretive signs, exhibits and guides; inventories and surveys.
11. Environmental Mitigation to Address Water Pollution Due to Highway Runoff or Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality While Maintaining Habitat Connectivity	Runoff pollution studies, soil erosion controls, detention and sediment basins, river clean-ups and wildlife crossings.
12. Establishment of Transportation Museums	Construction of transportation museums, including the conversion of railroad stations or historic properties to museums with transportation themes and exhibits or the purchase of transportation-related artifacts.

- Act 51 agencies, MDOT, Native American tribes, DNR and Regional Planning Organizations (RPO) are eligible to apply and can sponsor an application.
- A minimum of a 20% local match is required and may come from local governments, private for profit or non-profit corporations, foundations, individuals and other federal sources (except transportation sources).
- The project must have a transportation relationship. Applications and instructions are located at www.michigan.gov/tea.



MDOT Category A Program

- This program provides funding for road projects related to economic development and redevelopment opportunities in the following industries

Agriculture or Food Processing	Tourism
Forestry	High Technology Research
Manufacturing	Mining
Office Centers not less than 50,000 square feet	

- A transportation need in capacity, condition, safety or accessibility must be shown.

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- The economic development or redevelopment must create or retain permanent jobs.
- Act 51 agencies and MDOT are eligible to apply. Economic development corporations or private developers must work with one or more of the eligible applicants to access this fund.
- A minimum of a 20% local match is required.
- Applications and instructions are located at www.michigan.gov/mdot.



Dept. of Natural Resources Programs

- The DNR has several programs some of which could potentially be utilized along the Heritage Route. Below is a table of grant categories and most categories list several grant programs.

Recreation & Resource Conservation	Boating
Forestry	Fisheries
Law Enforcement	Trails
Wildlife	

- Depending on the grant, applicants can be local units of government, non-profit agencies and private individuals.
- Generally, some percentage of the project cost is required as match.
- Information for each DNR grant can be located at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

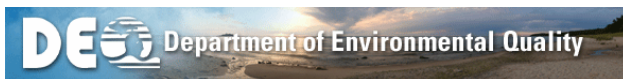


MDOT Small Urban Program

- The Small Urban Program is located in MDOT's Bureau of Transportation Planning, Statewide Planning Section. The program provides federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding to areas with a population of 5,000 to 49,999.
- Roads, on the federal aid eligible system, and transit capital projects are eligible for STP funds. The maximum funding is \$375,000 and a minimum of a 20% local match is required.
- More information on this program is located at www.michigan.gov/mdot.

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- Formation of a non-profit agency.
- Non-profit agencies are eligible for multiple private foundation grants.



MI Coastal Management Program

- Developed under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, the Program assists organizations in protecting and enhancing coastal areas, funds studies related to coastal management and helps increase recreational opportunities in Michigan's Great Lakes coastal area.
- Coastal units of government, area-wide agencies including regional planning agencies and conservation districts, state agencies, universities and school districts, and tribal governments.
- Grant funds cannot exceed \$50,000 and generally, a 50% match is required and can be in the form of in-kind services, donations or cash.

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- Projects eligible for funding fall under two categories: 1) studies, designs and land use plans, and 2) construction.

Studies, Designs And Land Use Plans	Construction
Site design, planning, and engineering for recreational sites and waterfront redevelopment.	Habitat restoration and coastal resource protection.
Restoration and resource management plans	Barrier-free retrofitting.
Historic preservation/restoration plans.	Low-cost construction projects, for example: boardwalks, scenic overlook, educational and/or interpretive displays, and trails.
Waterfront redevelopment studies.	
Coastal educational materials.	Restoration of historic coastal structures.
Natural features inventories.	
Research on Great Lakes and coastal issues.	
Studies for economic development planning, including ports and harbors.	
Community and land use master planning and zoning (coastal related).	
Facility relocation studies.	
Watershed management plans	
GIS (development and mapping).	
Feasibility studies.	

- More information is available at www.michigan.gov/deq.