

The Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association Announces Its Round 29.1 Grant Is Open for Mini-grant Applications

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The Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) announces the opening of its DCNR Round 29.1 Awarded Grant, "2024 Snowmobile Mini-Grant Program". PSSA invites all legally constituted snowmobile clubs in Pennsylvania to submit an application for a mini-grant.

Applications will be accepted until May 13, 2024. The maximum amount available per mini-grant is \$3500. An application is attached to this announcement or can be downloaded from PSSA's website (www.pasnow.org) or requested by emailing pssagrants@gmail.com or by calling 717.319.8745.

Please complete and email or mail pages 7-11 of the attached application, along with current landowner permissions (sample on page 12).

Projects are to be used for **groomer and trail improvement/maintenance equipment and expenses, including fuel, on any trail considered open for public use.** Clubs should apply to DCNR for groomers. Funded projects that meet these eligibility requirements must be **completed by June 30, 2025.** Funds from this mini-grant may not be used as a match for other DCNR-funded projects.

Eligible activities include:

- Maintenance and renovation of existing trails and bridges (new bridge projects are not eligible for PSSA mini-grants).
- Development/rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and linkages
- Lease/rental of trail construction supplies, parts, and heavy equipment.
- Purchase of trail maintenance supplies, (including signs and fuel) parts, and small equipment
- Groomer maintenance expenses
- Grooming equipment (Exception: Application for groomers should be made directly through DCNR)

Before making application for a mini-grant, all expenditures and volunteer labor hours from all previous PSSA mini-grant awards (except current mini-grants that have not yet ended) must be documented and final reports must be submitted and approved by PSSA. If a club needs assistance in the application process, the club's regional director or the PSSA Grants Administrator may be contacted for assistance.

A match for this grant is not required but is encouraged. Submission of volunteer hours spent on this project are encouraged.

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