OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 03/31/2029

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:
- [ ] Preapplication
- [x] Application
- [ ] Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:
- [x] New
- [ ] Continuation
- [ ] Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier: MD OOR

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Maryland Department of Natural Resources

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 52-6002033

* c. UEI: USMJTDLGM6X8

d. Address:

* Street1: 580 Taylor Ave
Street2:
* City: Annapolis
County/Parish: MD
* State: MD: Maryland
Province:
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: 21401-2352

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: MD Dept. of Natural Resources

Division Name: Office of Outdoor Recreation

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Mrs.
* First Name: Sandi
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Olek
Suffix:

Title: Natural Resource Planner

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 410-260-8979
Fax Number:

* Email: sandra.olek@maryland.gov

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

A: State Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

National Park Service

11. Assistance Listing Number:

15.930

Assistance Listing Title:

Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

P27AS00032

* Title:

Exploring and Enhancing Outdoor and Heritage Tourism in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

13. Competition Identification Number:

P27AS00032

Title:

Exploring and Enhancing Outdoor and Heritage Tourism in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

FY27 Rails, Trails and Outdoor Recreation: 200th Anniversary of Railroading as a Catalyst for Outdoor Recreation in Maryland

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: MD-003 * b. Program/Project: MD-All

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 05/01/2027 * b. End Date: 09/30/2028

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	49,475.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	49,475.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☒ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on 11/03/2026.

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name: David

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Goshorn

Suffix:

* Title: DNR Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary

* Telephone Number: 410-260-8110 Fax Number:

* Email: david.goshorn@maryland.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission. * Date Signed: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.

David Goshorn (Nov 2, 2026 13:34:38 EST)

11/02/2026

Abstract

2027 marks the 200th anniversary of railroading in the United States, a journey that began in Maryland! The State of Maryland is excited to collaborate with state and local partners to commemorate this milestone through the Rails, Trails, and Outdoor Recreation project, celebrating Maryland's railroad heritage and the connections between its historic rail corridors, outdoor recreation, and communities.

This anniversary presents a unique opportunity to showcase Maryland's extensive network of rail trails and the recreational, cultural, and historic experiences they connect. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages two of the state's most prominent rail trails: the Torrey C. Brown Rail Trail and the Western Maryland Rail Trail. With relatively flat, often paved routes, rail trails provide accessible entry points to outdoor recreation. By connecting these trails to nearby attractions, outdoor experiences, and local businesses, the project will encourage residents and visitors to explore more of Maryland while supporting local tourism and recreation economies.

Led by the Maryland Office of Outdoor Recreation, the project will develop maps, promotional resources, and itineraries; support events and activities along trails; and engage local partners to highlight rail trails and their gateway communities. Working with the Maryland Office of Tourism Development, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), county Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs), and community-based trail and recreation groups, the project will connect visitors with hidden gems and new opportunities to explore Maryland's outdoor, cultural, and historic resources.

Beyond the bicentennial celebration, this initiative will strengthen partnerships and lay the groundwork for coordinated marketing and promotion through MDOT's Maryland Destination Trails program, launching in 2027, creating lasting benefits for Maryland's trails, communities, and outdoor recreation economy. This project is timely, as it will leverage this historic milestone to increase access to outdoor recreation, strengthen connections between trails and communities, and create lasting economic and tourism benefits.

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Number: 4040-0006
Expiration Date: 06/30/2028

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Assistance Listing Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. Exploring and Enhancing Outdoor and Heritage Tourism in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed	15.930	$	$	$ 49,475.00	$	$ 49,475.00
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		$	$	$ 49,475.00	$	$ 49,475.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Total (5)
	Exploring and Enhancing Outdoor and Heritage Tourism in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed				
a. Personnel	$ 34,683.00	$	$	$	$ 34,683.00
b. Fringe Benefits	11,792.00				11,792.00
c. Travel					
d. Equipment					
e. Supplies					
f. Contractual	3,000.00				3,000.00
g. Construction					
h. Other					
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	49,475.00				$ 49,475.00
j. Indirect Charges					$
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	$ 49,475.00	$	$	$	$ 49,475.00
7. Program Income	$	$	$	$	$

SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES

(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e)TOTALS
8. Exploring and Enhancing Outdoor and Heritage Tourism in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed	$	$	$	$
9.				
10.				
11.				
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	$	$	$	$

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS

	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	$ 49,475.00	$ 12,360.00	$ 12,370.00	$ 12,370.00	$ 12,375.00
14. Non-Federal	$				
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	$ 49,475.00	$ 12,360.00	$ 12,370.00	$ 12,370.00	$ 12,375.00

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT

(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (YEARS) (b)First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16. Exploring and Enhancing Outdoor and Heritage Tourism in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed	$	$	$	$
17.				
18.				
19.				
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16 - 19)	$	$	$	$

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION

21. Direct Charges: 49,475

22. Indirect Charges: No indirect cost requested

23. Remarks: