

Burke River Trail Association - Community Beautification Mini-Grant

\$500 to help make our trail towns more beautiful.

Application Deadline: September 25, 2026

Burke River Trail Association believes strong trails connect strong communities. This fall, BRTA will award **up to six \$500** Community Beautification Mini-Grants for small, visible improvements in downtown areas, public parks and other community spaces in the nine towns along the Burke River Trail corridor.

Projects might include flowers, shrubs, native or perennial plantings, mulch, planters, soil improvements or other simple landscaping enhancements.

Our goal is simple: help local people who care about their community turn a small investment into a noticeable improvement. Applicant can be town, organization or person.

Applicant Information

Applicant/Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Town: _____

Tell Us About Your Idea

1. Where is the area you would like to improve? Please describe the location.

2. What would you like to do, and how would you use the \$500? A general description is all we need.

3. Who will complete the planting or project work?

Keeping It Beautiful

4. Who will be responsible for caring for the area after the project is completed?

This could include watering, weeding, mulching, replacing plants when needed or otherwise keeping the area looking good.

Maintenance Contact (if different from applicant):

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

BRTA is providing funding for the initial improvement and will not be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the project.

Property Approval

5. Do you or your organization own or control the project location?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, who owns or controls the property?

Projects on property owned by a town, organization or other property owner must have the owner's approval before grant funds are awarded.

Show Us the Spot

6. Please include 1–3 photos of the area as it looks today.

What We're Looking For

We are looking for projects that:

- Improve a visible downtown, park or community space.
- Can reasonably be completed this fall.
- Have a local person or group ready to make the project happen.
- Have a clear plan for ongoing care.
- Create a noticeable and lasting improvement.

No matching funds are required. Volunteer labor, donated materials or additional contributions are always welcome. BRTA anticipates selecting up to six projects, with no more than one project per town during this initial round unless funds remain available.

When You're Done

That's it — no lengthy grant report. **When the project is complete, just send us a few photos** so we can celebrate your work and share the improvement with the community.

Project Completion Goal: December 31, 2026

Submit your application and photos to: Burke River Trail Association - burketrails@gmail.com