



**TRAILS CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – 2026
Application Form**

1. Applicant Information

Local Municipality: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

2. Project Information

Project Name: _____

Describe Location of Trail Works (if applicable):

Permitted Trail Uses (*check all that apply*):

Hiking, walking, running Cycling (touring, mtn. biking) Horseback Riding

Cross country skiing, snowshoeing ATV/Dirt Bike Snowmobile

E-bikes E-scooter/Electronic mobility device

Other Please specify: _____

(*i.e. wheelchair, in-line skating, rollerblading, dog sledding, etc.*)

Assistance Tier and Work to Be Completed (*check all that apply*):

Tier 1 – up to a maximum grant of \$100,000

- Capital Project i.e. culvert, bridge, underpass
- New Trail
- Realignment, grade change for flood mitigation and climate resiliency
- Master/Strategic Plan: trails, recreation, mobility, active transportation
- Other: _____

Tier 2 – up to a maximum grant of \$50,000

- Road cycling facilities
- Realignment, earthworks, new trail connection
- Wayfinding, signage
- Major safety/accessibility enhancements
- Trail component upgrades to improve accessibility (AODA compliant)
- Master/Strategic Plan: trails, recreation, mobility, active transportation
- Capital Project i.e. culvert, bridge, underpass
- Realignment, grade change for flood mitigation and climate resiliency
- Other: _____

Tier 3 – up to a maximum grant of \$20,000

- Trail furniture, signage, safety measures
- Fencing repairs/installations, maintenance i.e. resurfacing, forestry
- Minor safety/accessibility enhancements
- Feasibility studies
- Road cycling facilities
- Realignment, earthworks, new trail connection
- Wayfinding, signage
- Trail component upgrades to improve accessibility (AODA compliant)
- Master/Strategic Plan: trails, recreation, mobility, active transportation
- Capital Project i.e. culvert, bridge, underpass
- Realignment, grade change
- Other: _____

I certify that:

- If applying for wayfinding/signage, please confirm you have also applied for the Tourism, Culture, & Sport Enhancement Fund <https://experience.simcoe.ca/resources/tourism-culture-sport-grant/>

3. Project Financial Information

Total Project Cost Estimate: \$ _____
Local Municipal Funding: \$ _____
Provincial Funding (if any): \$ _____
Federal Funding (if any): \$ _____
Other Funding (if any): \$ _____

Requested funding from County of Simcoe: \$ _____
(match local municipal funding to a maximum of 50%)

4. Supporting Information

The primary intake period for TCCP applications is from January 19, 2026, to February 20, 2026. Applications received during this period will be given first consideration depending on budget availability and compliance with the TCCP criteria. Applications received after the primary intake period may be considered for any remaining funds on a first come-first served basis.

- Application Form
- Letter briefly identifying how the project will benefit the local community and the active transportation network within the County of Simcoe. The letter should also address trail connectivity, accessibility, economic benefit, respect for the environment and sustainable trail development
- Map identifying the location and length of the proposed trail segment where work is to be completed
- Outline of Proposed Trail Specifications – width, height, surface material, signage, etc.
- Cost Estimate of Project
- Project plan with proposed timelines
- Proposed Construction/Engineering Drawings (if any)

By completing and submitting this program application form the applicant hereby acknowledges and agrees to abide by the obligations outlined in the 2026 TCCP Information Sheet and Application Guide.

Applications and supporting materials are to be submitted to:

Trails Connecting Communities Program
c/o Julie Nolan, TCCP Coordinator
County of Simcoe
1110 Highway 26
Midhurst, ON L9X 1N6
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