

2019 RPI Project Application Form

Region 1B Prosperity Council

The Central U.P. Prosperity Council maintains a collaboratively developed regional plan with a strategy for achieving a prosperous future. The [10-Year Plan](#) is intended to be a roadmap for future success; by completing the Plan's action items and meeting its objectives, the region will take steps toward achieving the goals that have been identified. Funding from the Regional Prosperity Initiative will help build capacity and add support for the projects that align with this strategy.

Please complete the information below to help the Central U.P. Prosperity Council understand the scope of your project.

General Information	
Project submitter, title, and organization:	Ben DuBois, UP North Trails, CUPPAD/NEMCOG
Project title:	UP North Trails
Phone and e-mail address:	(231) 436-1357
Type of funding request:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2019 RPI Project Funds <input type="checkbox"/> 2018 RPI Remainder Funds
Summary of project (in less than 100 words):	<p>Expanding on the work that was already completed in Networks Northwest and NEMCOG in the Northern Lower Peninsula to include the entirety of the Upper Peninsula as well.</p> <p>By using GIS data and intergrading it into a single online platform will provide easy access to many in one convenient location. This project will include gathering data from local recreation groups, townships, cities, counties, and state governments.</p>
Project Description	
Be sure to include answers to all questions below to receive full consideration – attach additional sheets if necessary	
What geographic area does the project cover and who does it benefit?	The current project covers most of the north half of the lower peninsula and will continue to add more data for trail information. The main people that benefit from this project would be trail fanatics that visit Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and for residents that may not have known that a trail is in their backyard.
If the project addresses needs across multiple sectors (e.g. economic development, education, workforce development), explain how.	This project would cross over between economic development to give local EDO's a tool to show off trail information across the state. This is especially important as the U.P. is becoming more and more a tourist destination with its vast beauty and its extreme network of trails that already exist. By showcasing such a website, it can help with talent attract as the blue economy is becoming more relevant in the Upper Peninsula, and having an extensive amount of outdoor activities can drive young and old to relocate to the area.

How does this project relate to strategy items found in the RPI 10-year plan?	The UP North Trail project address multiple strategies include 1.1 to expand tourism opportunities by having trails system located on one website for easy viewing. Another would be 5.1, some people may not know a trail system could be right in their backyard, and it may handle a verity of different outdoor activities.
How can the success of this project be measured upon completion?	Success can be measured in this project by looking at the trail data that will be uploaded this year that is already in the State's GIS system and adding new trial data that was not known by the state before this project started.
From your organization's perspective, what is the priority for this project?	From our perspective, our priority is to establish a website that contains all the trial data in the state of Michigan. Our first year's propriety was to get the data from the state and to add more trails that are not in the DNR's system. As for this year, we want to add more trail systems that the state's system doesn't include. It will also pay for marketing and website maintenances.

Organization and Partners

Describe how the organization will complete the work outlined in the proposal	CUPPAD will continue to add more trail data this coming year by using ArcCollector and sharing this new trail information with the state.
Explain the skills, experience, and capacity of your project team. List all partners and their roles.	CUPPAD's team has three individuals that are experienced in ArcGIS, ArcPro, and ArcCollector app. With all these applications on hand, it makes CUPPAD more than qualified for the continuation of this project. NEMCOG was the primary RPO that started the initiative, and they will continue to lead the project, and be the lesioned with FlightPath, the website developer.

Timeline and Budget

Create a budget that includes general categories of expenses, such as wages, travel, equipment, and materials. Describe any other project funds you expect to receive from sources beyond RPI.		Amount:
	Website (UPnorthtrails.org)	\$2,000
	Marketing	\$2,000
	Social Media	\$2,000
	CUPPAD – Geodatabase edits, updates, and data processing	\$12,000
	Outside Contractual work (Fringe Rate) – Trail Gathering	\$2,000
	Total:	\$18,000

Provide a timeline that includes project milestones with parties responsible for their achievement. If it is a phased project, be sure to include past or future phases in the timeline.

Project Milestones and responsible person	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Wrapping up/testing State Geodatabases to be uploaded to website developer – Rawan & Ben	x											
Wrapping up/testing gathered Geodatabases to be uploaded				x				x	x	x	x	x

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FlightPath to update website (CUPPAD Trail Data) -NEMCOG		x			x				x	x	x	x
Trail Data Collection	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Choose one:

- A partner representing this proposal will be available to present at the Special Meeting of the RPI Council on Thursday, September 27th, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
- The proposal will not include a presentation.

Key Dates:

2019 RPI Project Application window opens	August 20, 2018
Due date for 2019 RPI Project Applications	September 26, 2018
Presentations to the RPI Council on proposed 2019 projects	September 27, 2018
RPI Council completes project scoring forms	October 5, 2018
List of proposed projects submitted in FY 2019 RPI Grant Application	October 15, 2018
RPI Council receives award notice for FY 2019	early February 2019
RPI Council recommends revised spending plan based on actual award	February 14, 2019
CUPPAD Executive Committee approves RPI revised spending plan	February 28, 2019
RPI Project applicants notified of awards	early March 2019
Contracts executed	mid-March 2019
Project funds disbursed	mid-late March 2019

Submission Deadline:

Proposals are due by the close of business on Wednesday September 26, 2018. Please email your replies to Ryan Soucy at Rsoucy@cuppadd.org If you need additional information, contact can be made at the same email address or by calling Ryan at (906) 339-1371.