



## **Volunteers**

Membership-driven organizations have a built-in cadre of volunteers to call on for events and trailbuilding projects. If this does not describe your group, consider partnering with one on specific, time-limited efforts.

Additional sources for volunteers:

- Youth Conservation Corps participants are utilized in summertime trailbuilding efforts; some organizations have successfully applied for federal or state funding to provide project management and oversight to these groups
- High school or university students seeking community service credits; check with local school districts, municipal or county youth opportunities offices, and college community outreach programs
- Sierra Club or other programs offering service-oriented trips for adults; one previous grant recipient developed a relationship with the Sierra Club, hosting a working vacation group to help build and repair mountain bike trails in national forests. Key to this alliance was the emphasis on safety, building trails to established IMBA or Forest Service standards, preventing erosion, and supporting multiple types of trail users so all can enjoy these natural resources.