

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. _____
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 8, 2019
 Title Federal Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the federal Recreational Trails Program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Admiral Trail-Bridge Rehabilitation and Phase 1 Paving (Farragut)	\$ 380,160
Cedar Valley Nature Trail-Phase 5 (Linn County Conservation Board)	\$ 650,000
Cedar Valley Nature Trail Reconstruction (Black Hawk County Conservation Board)	\$ 129,000
Iowa DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Program (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa OHV Association)	\$ 213,812
Iowa River Trail-Phase 1C Hardin County Paving (Hardin County)	\$ 425,000
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase II Construction (Dallas County Conservation Board)	\$ 322,208
Red Rock Prairie Trail-Phase I (Jasper County Conservation Board)	\$ 531,400
Resurfacing and Renovation of the Iowa Great Lakes Spine Trail (Dickinson County)	\$ 313,300
Snow Grooming Equipment (Iowa State Snowmobile Association)	\$ 224,000
Support for Program and Bicycle Summit (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 7,000
Total	\$3,195,880

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the federal Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:			Vote	
			Aye	Nay
			Pass	
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Federal Recreational Trails Program
Funding Recommendation



Federal Recreational Trail Program

- **Federal program created in 1991**
- **Available to federal, state, and local government agencies. Private individuals and organizations may apply with a government co-sponsor.**
- **Purpose is to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized trail users.**
- **Eligible projects include:**
 - Maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development of trailside and trailhead facilities, purchase of trail construction and maintenance equipment, construction of new trails, and acquisition of land for trails.

Project Evaluation Criteria

- Degree to which motorized and non-motorized trail use are accommodated. (10 points)
- Greatest number of compatible multi-purpose uses. (10 points)
- Access and use for persons with disabilities, older citizens, economically challenged and other special populations or groups. (10 points)
- Provides development of trail linkages. (10 points)
- Opportunities for new partnerships between trail users and private interests. (10 points)
- Identified in or furthers a specific goal of a state, regional, or local plan. (10 points)
- Leverages greater public or private investments. (10 points)
- Citizen involvement in the project's conception and implementation (10 points)
- Degree to which project ties in to other trails. (10 points)
- Public/private partnerships to continue operation and maintenance. (15 points)
- Trails with national designation or resulting in the cleanup of an area. (10 points)

Available Funding and Application Summary

- **Available Funding:**
 - Annual appropriation: \$1,300,000
 - Underrun/withdrawals: \$ 867,172
 - Additional maintenance: \$1,028,708
 - Funds awarded: \$3,195,880

- **Application Summary:**
 - Total number of projects: 41
 - Total project costs: \$33,721,763
 - Total amount requested: \$14,154,302

List of Motorized Applications Recommended

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<u>Snow Grooming Equipment</u>	Iowa State Snowmobile Association	52.75	\$280,000	\$224,000 (80%)	\$224,000 (80%)
<u>Iowa DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Program</u>	Iowa DNR and Iowa OHV Association	44.43	\$267,270	\$213,812 (80%)	\$213,812 (80%)

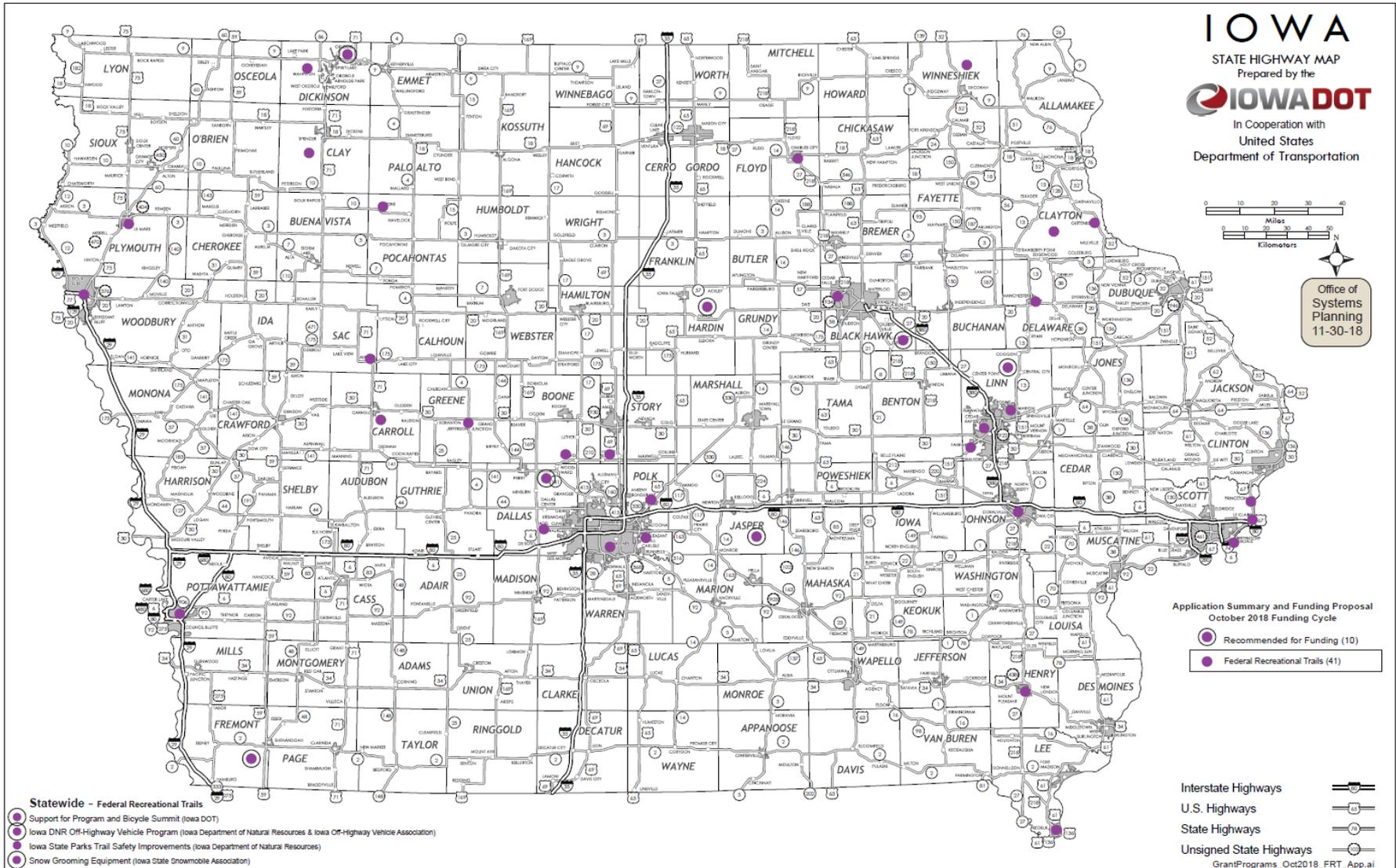
List of Non-motorized Applications Recommended

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<u>Support for Program and Bicycle Summit</u>	Iowa DOT	N/A	\$8,750	\$7,000 (80%)	\$7,000 (80%)
<u>Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Ph II Construction</u>	Dallas County Conservation	71.50	\$568,000	\$322,208 (57%)	\$322,208 (57%)
<u>Red Rock Prairie Trail Phase I</u>	Jasper County Conservation	70.88	\$2,130,000	\$531,400 (25%)	\$531,400 (25%)
<u>Iowa River Trail Phase 1C Hardin County Paving</u>	Hardin County	65.13	\$636,000	\$425,000 (67%)	\$425,000 (67%)

List of Non-motorized Applications Recommended

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<u>Cedar Valley Nature Trail Phase 5</u>	Linn County Conservation	64.13	\$1,350,000	\$650,000 (48%)	\$650,000 (48%)
<u>Admiral Trail Bridge Rehabilitation and Phase 1 Paving</u>	Farragut	57.63	\$780,660	\$380,160 (49%)	\$380,160 (49%)
<u>Cedar Valley Nature Trail Reconstruction</u>	Black Hawk County Conservation	56.00	\$162,000	\$129,000 (80%)	\$129,000 (80%)
<u>Resurfacing and Renovation of the Iowa Great Lakes Spine Trail</u>	Dickinson County	54.13	\$391,625	\$313,300 (80%)	\$313,300 (80%)

Map of Applications Received





QUESTIONS?



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Snow Grooming Equipment (Iowa State Snowmobile Association)

Purchase new or used trail grooming equipment. The equipment will provide smooth, safe and family-friendly trails for winter use and replace aging equipment within the ISSA grooming fleet where needed throughout the state.

Total Cost: \$280,000

Requested: \$224,000 (80%)



1985 Tucker Sno Cat



1974 Bombadier Ski Dozer

Iowa DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Program (Iowa DNR and Iowa OHV Association)

Add a parking area for larger vehicles at Bluff Creek OHV Park (lane will be approximately 750 feet, allowing for pull-through parking); purchase and club installation of three pavilions/small shelters at Lake View OHV Park; and development of a skills area at Bluff Creek OHV Park.

Total Cost: \$267,270

Requested: \$213,812 (80%)



Support for Program and Bicycle Summit (Iowa DOT)

This project provides funding to pay for costs related to operation of the Federal Recreational Trails Program for 2020 and for the 2020 Iowa Bicycle Summit. The Iowa Bicycle Summit is an annual conference providing education on the latest bicycle facilities, technology, and programming. It brings national speakers to Iowa to share bicycle facility successes and best practices from around the United States. Many of the lessons learned at the Summit have manifested into trail facilities and safety.

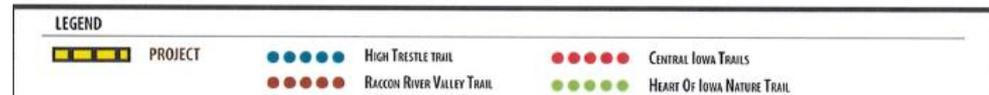
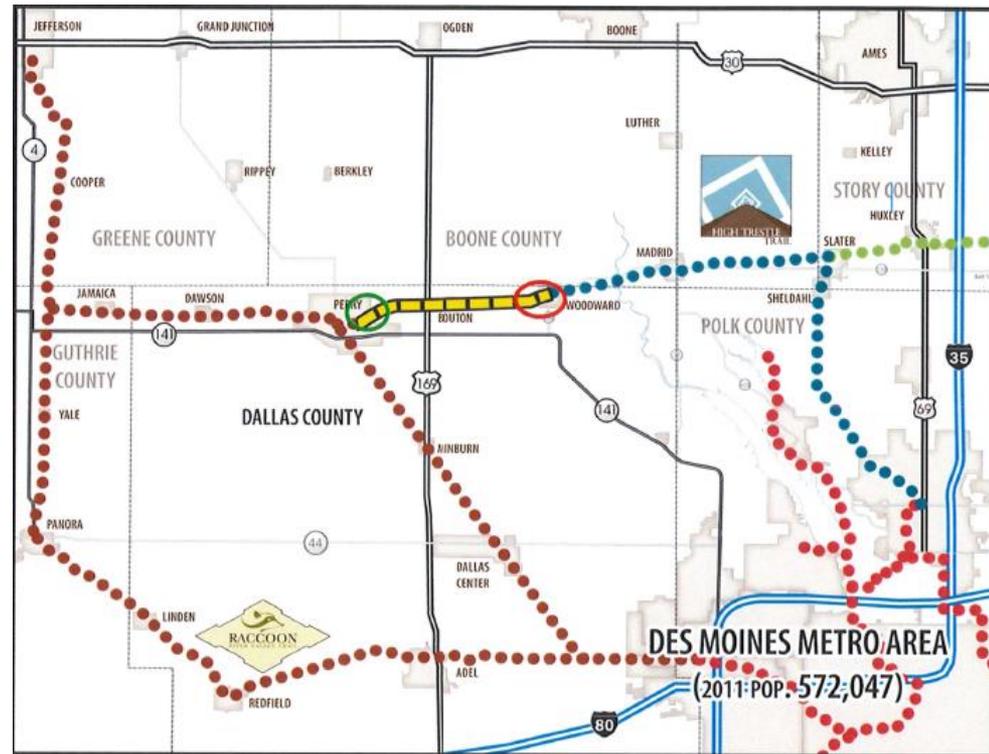
Total Cost: \$8,750
Requested: \$7,000 (80%)



Raccoon River Valley Trail/High Trestle Trail Connector (Dallas County Conservation)

Phase II construction will develop a 1-mile segment of the overall 9-mile multi-use paved recreational connector trail located between R Avenue and S Avenue to the Woodward city limits. It will utilize former railroad right-of-way and land adjacent to former railroad right-of-way and be 10-feet wide and 6-inch thick concrete or asphalt. The overall project connects two of the premier trail systems in central Iowa, the Raccoon River Valley Trail (at Perry) and the High Trestle Trail (at Woodward).

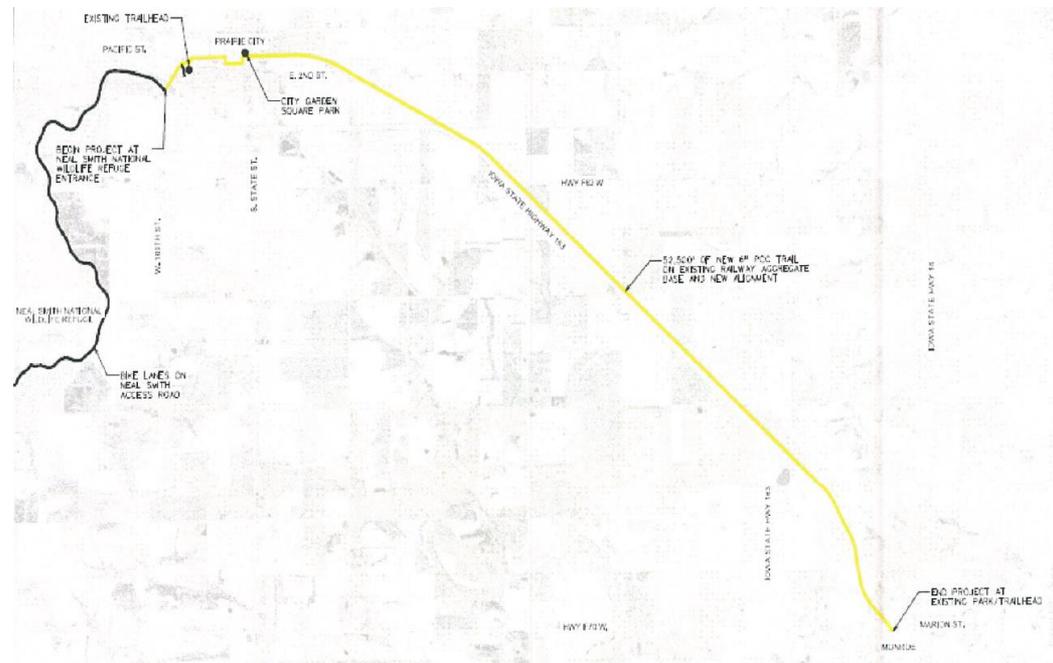
Total Cost: \$568,000
Requested: \$322,208 (57%)



Red Rock Prairie Trail (Jasper County Conservation)

Project will focus on the development of bicycle and pedestrian improvements on 8.5 miles of the Red Rock Prairie Trail from the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge access at Iowa 117 in Prairie City to the trailhead at Red Rock Park in Monroe, which is at the intersection of W. Marion Street and Jasper Street (Old Highway 163).

Total Cost: \$2,130,000
Requested: \$ 531,400 (25%)

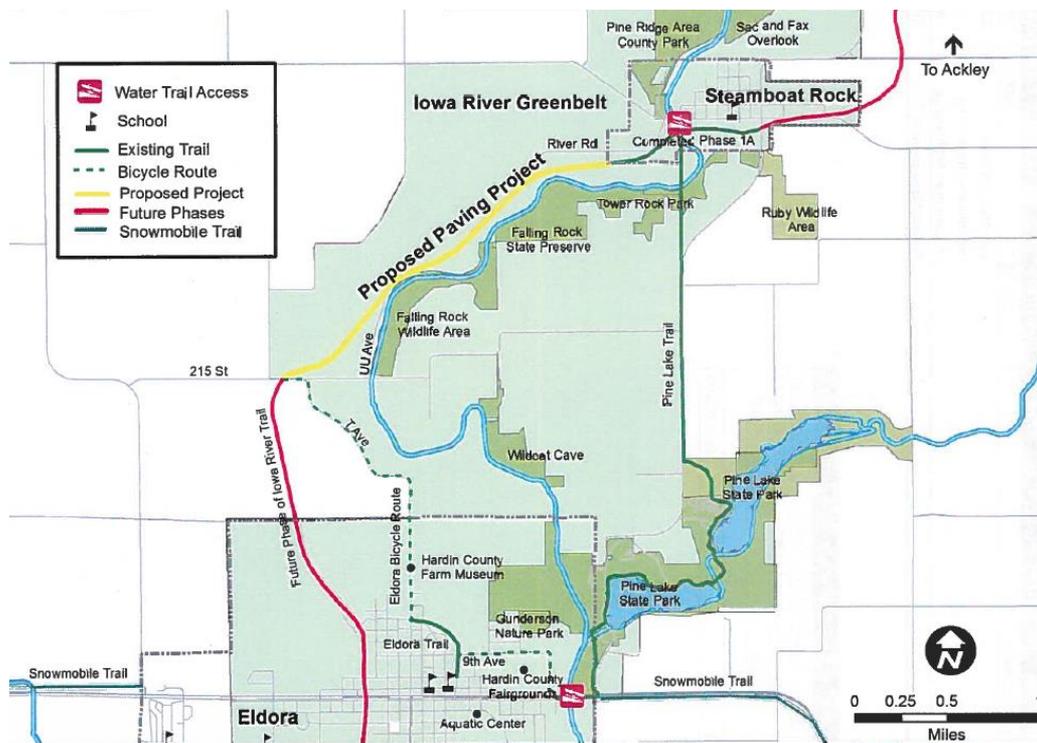


Iowa River Trail (Hardin County)

Pave approximately 2.5 miles of multi-use trail on a former railroad corridor with concrete. This will build on the previous paving and bridge rehabilitation projects extending the construction of the Iowa River Trail in Hardin County from Steamboat Rock to 215th Street and into Eldora.

Total Cost: \$636,000

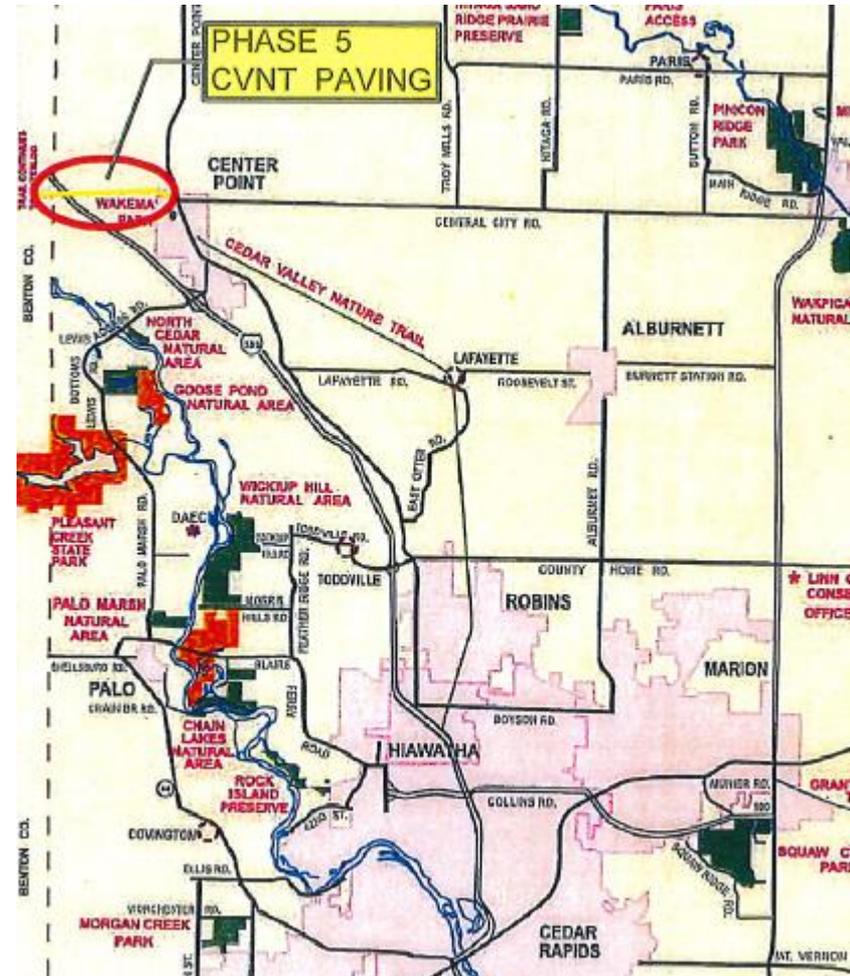
Requested: \$425,000 (67%)



Cedar Valley Nature Trail - Phase 5 (Linn County Conservation)

Pave a 2.5-mile section beginning at Ash Lane on the north edge of Center Point and extend to 56th Street Drive in Benton County. To be able to pave this section of trail, two bridges were replaced due to narrow design and deteriorating conditions in August of 2017 and the second in the Fall of 2018. This project will be shovel-ready within six months of the grant award.

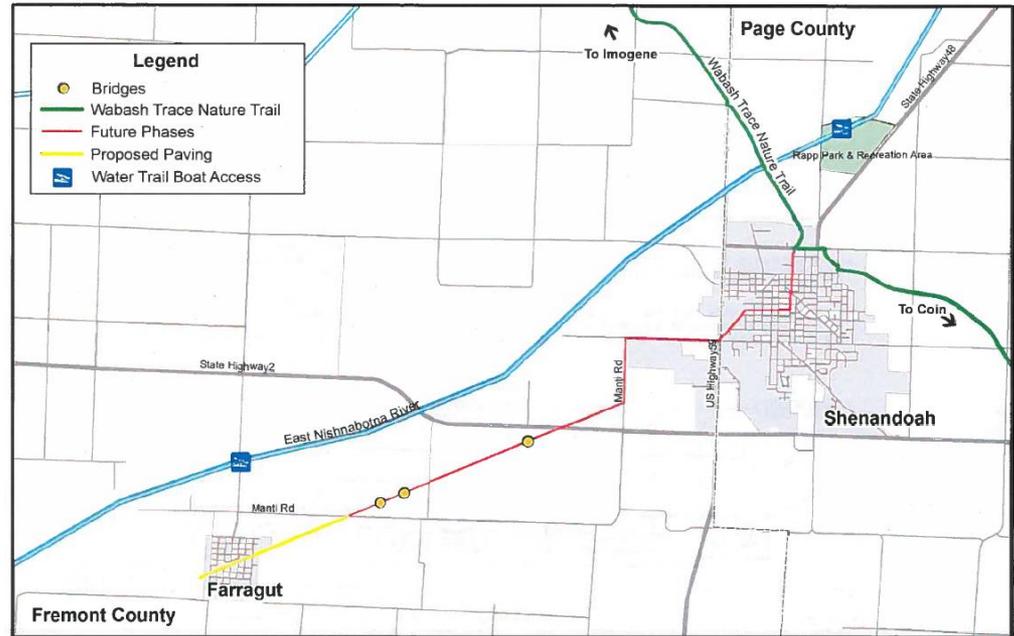
Total Cost: \$1,350,000
Requested: \$ 650,000 (48%)



Admiral Trail-Bridge Rehabilitation and Phase 1 Paving (Farragut)

Rehabilitation and repair of three bridges and several culverts and drainage structures and pave 1.5 miles of trail from Railroad Park in Farragut to Manti Road. This is the first phase of construction.

Total Cost: \$780,660
Requested: \$380,160 (49%)



Cedar Valley Nature Trail Reconstruction (Black Hawk County Conservation)

Reconstruct approximately 0.25 miles of paved trail along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail at mile marker 13.75 between La Porte City and the Cedar River. This section of asphalt trail is situated between two wetland areas. Muskrats have burrowed under the trail causing portions of the trail surface to settle. The project includes subgrade treatment with cement, special subgrade preparation, associated earthwork, and seeding. The subgrade treatment with cement should limit future burrowing from animals.

Total Cost: \$162,000
Requested: \$129,000 (80%)



Burrowing from muskrats has caused the trail surface to settle.

Resurfacing and Renovation of the Iowa Great Lakes Spine Trail (Dickinson County)

Project includes 2.75 miles of an asphalt surface overlay of the Iowa Great Lakes Spine Trail. It will begin at 15th Street in Spirit Lake and continue north to Hill Avenue for 1.53 miles. From there the work will begin again at 140th Street in Orleans and proceed to 125th Street along the east side of Big Spirit Lake for 1.22 miles.

Total Cost: \$391,625

Requested: \$313,300 (80%)



List of Applications Not Recommended for Award

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Iowa State Parks Trail Safety Improvements	Iowa DNR	63.14	\$247,314	\$197,851 (80%)	\$0
Tatanka Ska Trace Rail Trail Phase III(a)	Dickinson County	63.00	\$514,736	\$300,000 (58%)	\$0
Gay Lea Wilson Trail Underpass	Bondurant	62.13	\$2,700,000	\$500,000 (19%)	\$0
Motor Mill Trail Final Phase	Clayton County Conservation	61.88	\$1,453,393	\$500,000 (34%)	\$0
Iowa Great Lakes Connection Trail Ph.II	Clay County	60.00	\$729,147	\$289,318 (40%)	\$0
South Riverfront Corridor Trail	Keokuk	59.88	\$808,529	\$300,000 (37%)	\$0

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First Avenue Trail Extension	Council Bluffs	59.63	\$1,498,188	\$398,188 (27%)	\$0
LeClaire Mississippi River Trail	LeClaire	57.38	\$1,503,487	\$300,000 (20%)	\$0
First Bridge	River Action	56.00	\$3,490,010	\$698,002 (20%)	\$0
Pocahontas County Trail Phase 1A Prairie Park Trail	Laurens	55.25	\$680,982	\$250,000 (37%)	\$0
Charley Western Trail Bridge Replacement	Charles City	54.75	\$1,700,000	\$400,000 (24%)	\$0

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Grant Park Trail	Sac County Conservation and Auburn	54.75	\$239,000	\$191,200 (80%)	\$0
Riverfront Trail Redevelopment	Sioux City	54.75	\$328,900	\$263,120 (80%)	\$0
Youngstown Trail Phase 2	Pleasant Hill	54.13	\$777,464	\$250,000 (32%)	\$0
High Trestle to City of Boone Trail Phase I	Boone County Conservation	52.88	\$428,000	\$300,000 (70%)	\$0
Sauk Rail Trail Resurfacing	Carroll County Conservation and Carroll	52.88	\$621,397	\$497,100 (80%)	\$0

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Lake Street Trail Paving	Cedar Falls	52.50	\$434,000	\$347,000 (80%)	\$0
Princeton Mississippi River Trail Phase I	Princeton	50.38	\$720,000	\$300,000 (42%)	\$0
Big Springs Nature Park	Guttenberg and Guttenberg Rotary	48.13	\$10,000	\$8,000 (80%)	\$0
U.S. 6 Trail – Fairmeadows Blvd. to Heinz Road	Iowa City	47.50	\$492,500	\$394,000 (80%)	\$0
Cedar River Trail Overlay	Cedar Rapids	47.25	\$324,159	\$259,327 (80%)	\$0
East End Trail	Manchester	44.63	\$700,000	\$560,000 (80%)	\$0

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Sealcoating the Trails of Winneshiek	Winneshiek County Conservation	44.00	\$113,514	\$90,811 (80%)	\$0
Original Trail Rehab and Upgrade S. Walnut St. to S. Grand Ave.	Mount Pleasant	40.50	\$211,900	\$169,000 (80%)	\$0
East Lincoln Way Corridor Trail	Jefferson	40.13	\$177,600	\$142,000 (80%)	\$0
City of Des Moines Trail Preservation and Preventive Maintenance Program	Des Moines	39.63	\$255,200	\$200,000 (78%)	\$0
PlyWood Trail Stage 1	Le Mars	38.63	\$2,735,653	\$1,000,000 (37%)	\$0

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MISD Safe Routes to School Trail	Marion	37.75	\$732,241	\$585,711 (80%)	\$0
Adel Highway 169 Trail	Adel	36.88	\$1,545,153	\$800,000 (52%)	\$0
Trail Replacement Project	Fairfax	33.00	\$35,992	\$28,794 (80%)	\$0
Heart of Iowa Nature Trail Slater to Huxley	Story County Conservation	N/A	\$939,000	\$439,000 (47%)	\$0