

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. PPM-2021-47
Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 13, 2021
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.

Bridge Installation at Gypsum City OHV Park (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle Association)	\$ 96,720
Building Replacement at Bluff Creek OHV Park (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle Association)	\$ 110,800
Carlisle Connection Multi-use Trail (Des Moines)	\$ 400,000
Clay County Connection Phase I (Dickinson County)	\$ 285,690
Iowa River's Edge Trail Paving from Radio Tower Road towards the Iowa River (Marshalltown)	\$ 300,000
Support for Program and Bicycle Summit (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 7,000
Wapsipinicon Trail Phase 2 (Jones County Conservation Board)	\$ 138,127
Total	\$1,338, 337

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:			Vote	
			Aye	Nay
			Pass	
Moved by	<u>Charese Yanney</u>	Seconded by	<u>Tom Rielly</u>	
			Arnold	x
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			Juckette	x
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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: \$ 38,337
 - Funds available: \$1,338,337
- **Application Summary:**
 - Total number of projects: 20
 - Total project costs: \$12,428,406
 - Total amount requested: \$5,282,922

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>Bridge Installation at Gypsum City OHV Park</u>	Iowa DNR & Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Association	53.33	\$120,900	\$96,720 (80%)	\$96,720 (80%)
<u>Building Replacement at Bluff Creek OHV Park</u>	Iowa DNR & Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Association	47.83	\$138,500	\$110,800 (80%)	\$110,800 (80%)

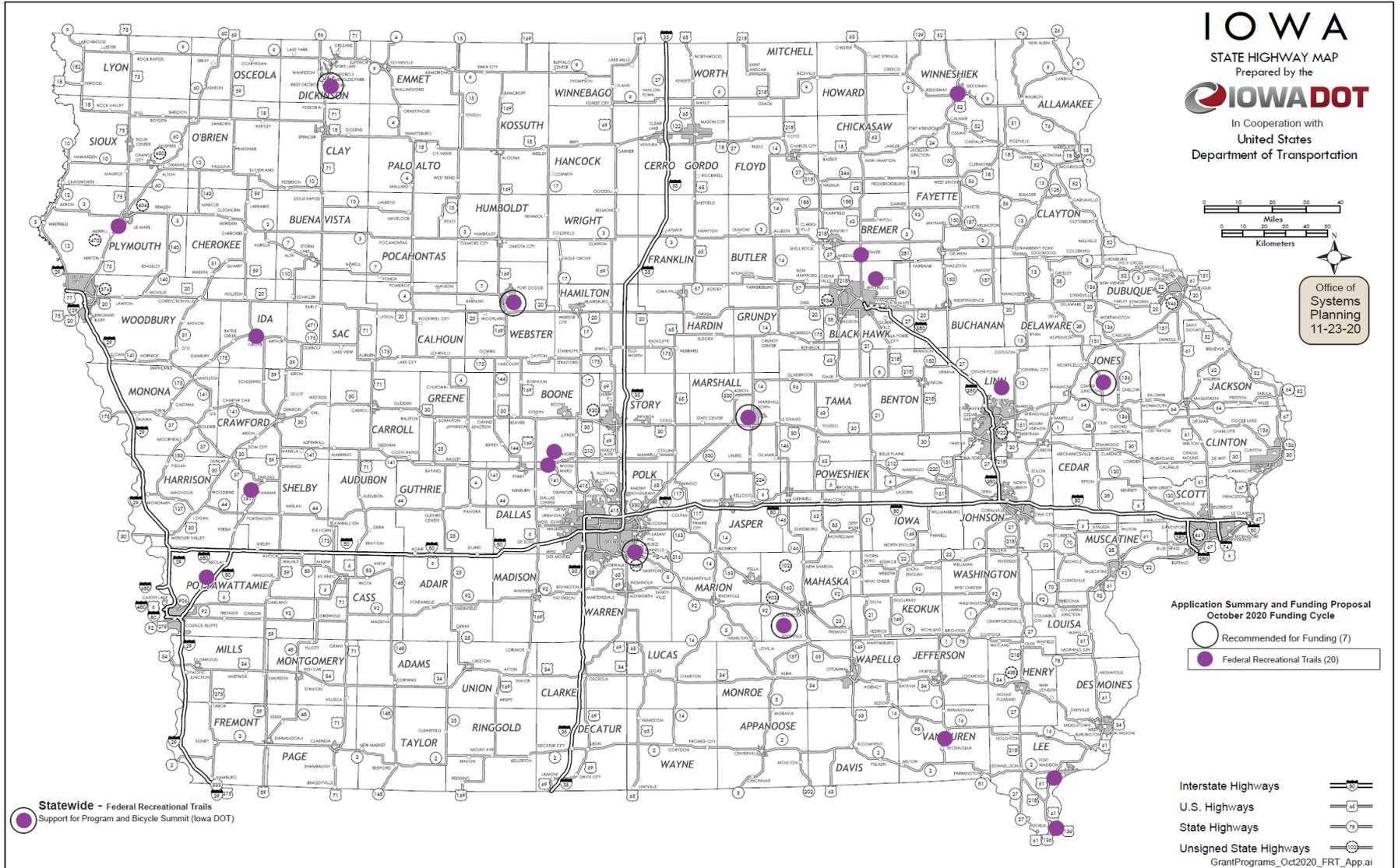
List of Non-motorized Applications Recommended

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>Clay County Connection Phase I</u>	Dickinson County	75.17	\$680,222	\$285,690 (42%)	\$285,690 (42%)
<u>Carlisle Connection Multi-Use Trail</u>	Des Moines	75.00	\$2,800,000	\$400,000 (14%)	\$400,000 (14%)
<u>Iowa River's Edge Trail Paving from Radio Tower Road Towards the Iowa River</u>	Marshalltown	73.17	\$950,000	\$300,000 (32%)	\$300,000 (32%)

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>Wapsipinicon Trail Phase 2</u>	Jones County Conservation Board	70.83	\$513,240	\$170,000 (33%)	\$138,127 (27%)

Map of Applications Received





QUESTIONS?



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Bridge Installation at Gypsum City OHV Park (Iowa Department of Natural Resources & Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle Association)

Installation of 65-foot bridge at Gypsum City OHV Park to provide trail linkage in Phase 3 of the park.

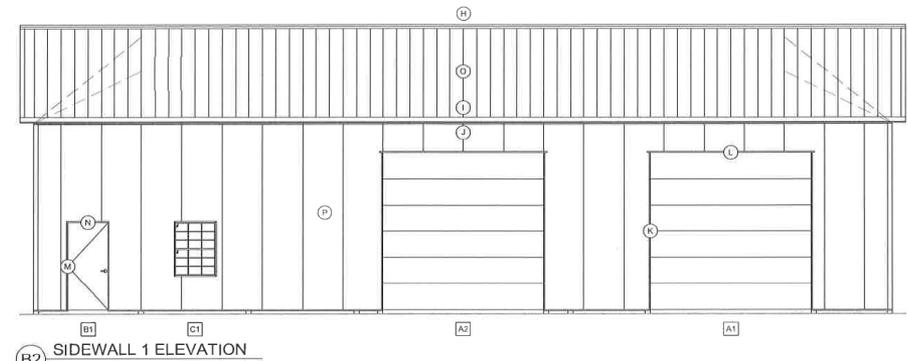
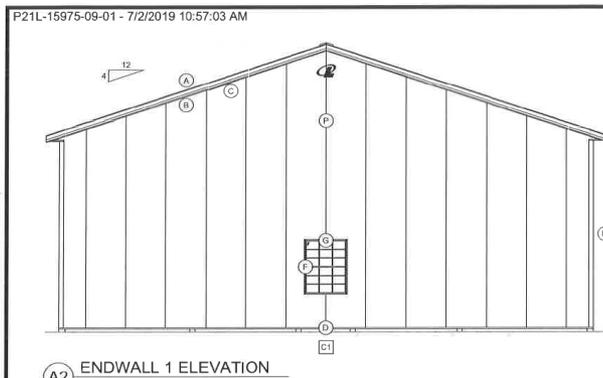
Total Cost: \$120,900
Requested: \$96,720 (80%)



Building Replacement at Bluff Creek OHV Park (Iowa Department of Natural Resources & Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle Association)

Replacement of existing equipment maintenance and storage building at Bluff Creek OHV Park.

Total Cost: \$138,500
Requested: \$110,800 (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 2022 and for the 2022 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

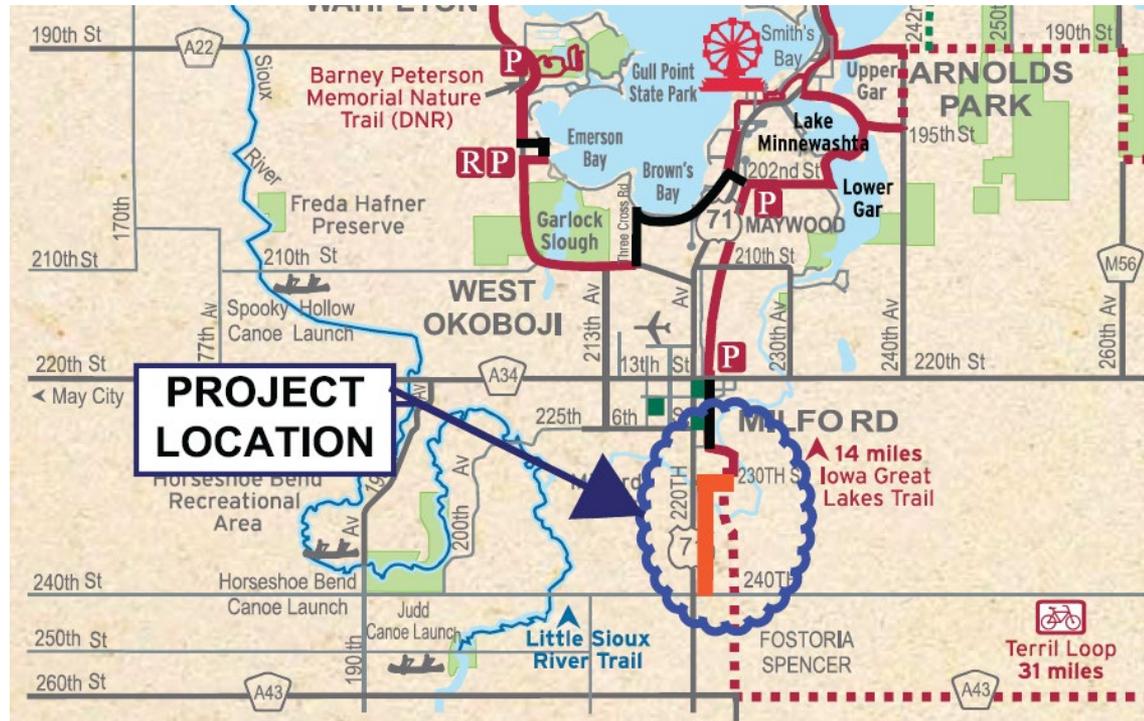
Requested: \$7,000 (80%)



Clay County Connection Phase I (Dickinson County Trail Board)

Phase I will include 6,876 feet of paved recreational trail starting at the southern end of the Dickinson County Spine Trail in Milford to 240th Street as part of the Iowa Great Lakes Connection Trail.

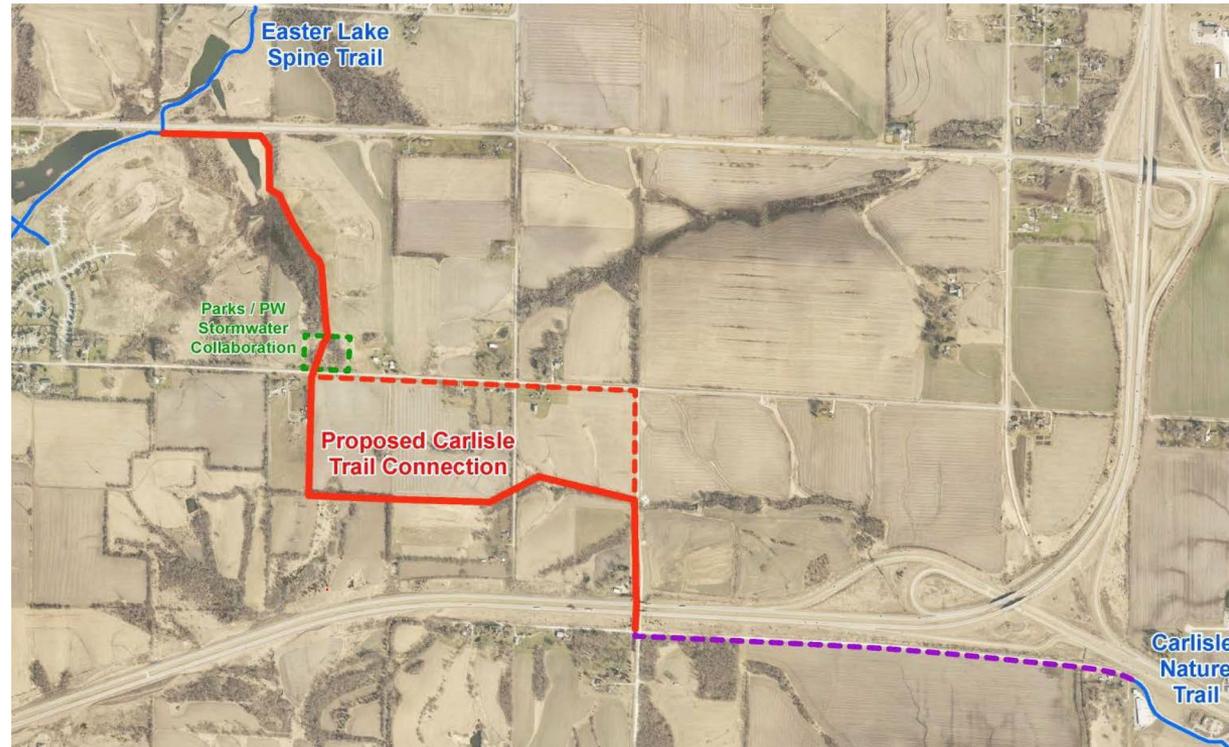
Total Cost: \$680,220
Requested: \$285,690 (42%)



Carlisle Connection Multi-Use Trail (Des Moines)

This project consists of a 3-mile trail from East Army Post Road in Des Moines southeast to 150th Avenue connecting the Easter Lake Spine Trail to the Carlisle Nature Trail upon completion of one last segment.

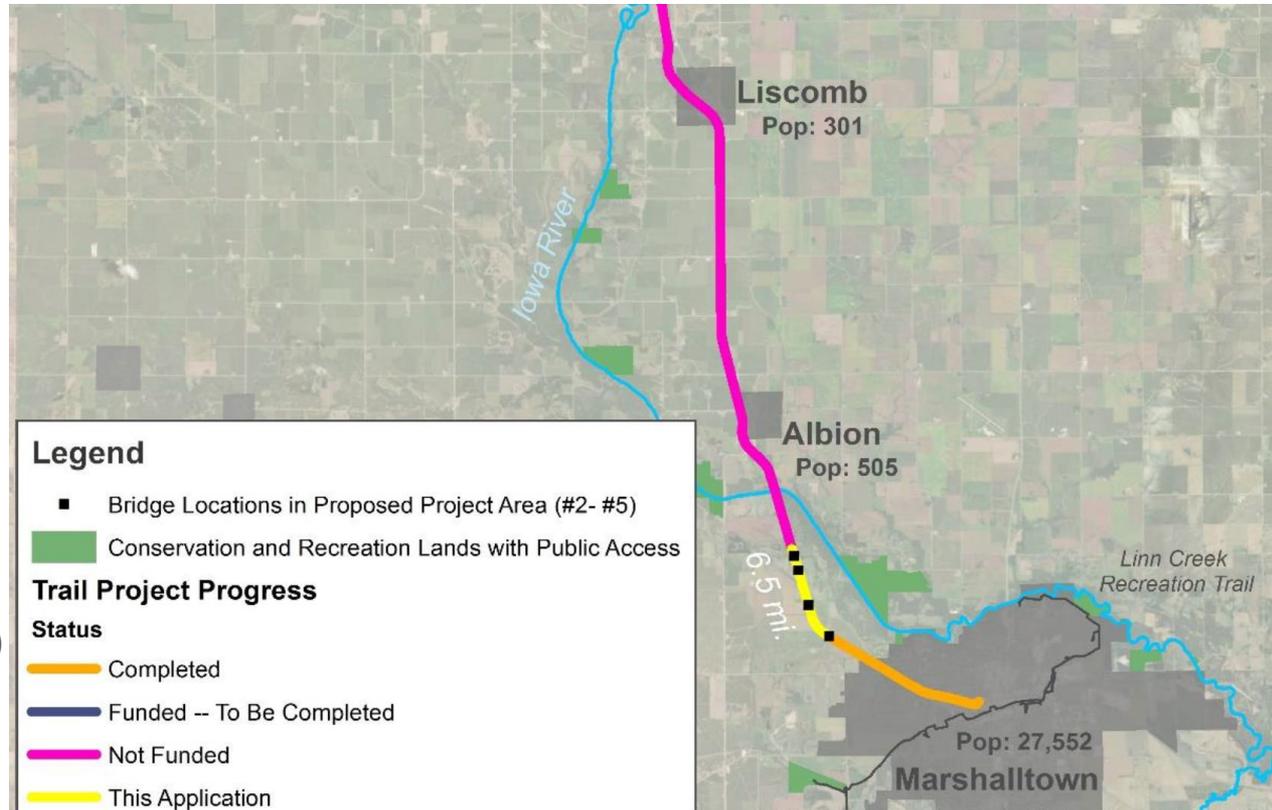
Total Cost: \$2,800,000
Requested: \$400,000 (14%)



Iowa River's Edge Trail Paving from Radio Tower Road Towards the Iowa River (Marshalltown)

This project starts at Radio Tower Road and paves an additional 1.78 miles of the Iowa River's Edge Trail to Bridge #5.

Total Cost: \$950,000
Requested: \$300,000 (32%)



Wapsipinicon Trail Phase 2 (Jones County Conservation Board)

This project will construct 0.5 miles of paved trail from the intersection of Stallion Creek and Shaw Road in Anamosa to the Hale Bridge. Project also includes construction of a new trailhead entry.

Total Cost: \$513,240
Requested: \$170,000 (33%)
Recommended: \$138,127 (27%)



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)
Dry Run Trail-Phase III Decorah to the Greenbelt	Winneshiek County Conservation Board	69.67	\$794,880	\$500,000 (63%)	\$0
RRVT to HTT Connector Phase V Construction	Dallas County Conservation Board	68.67	\$425,000	\$340,000 (80%)	\$0
Plywood Trail Phase 1 and Phase 1A	Le Mars	63.00	\$1,512,711	\$350,000 (23%)	\$0
Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 4 - 48th Street Trail Connection	Fort Madison	62.50	\$440,840	\$325,000 (74%)	\$0

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)
Austin Park Water Trail Access	Van Buren County Conservation Board	60.00	\$268,000	\$208,000 (78%)	\$0
Grant Wood Trail Paving: Waldo's Rock Park to Oxley Road	Linn County Conservation Board	60.00	\$710,000	\$350,000 (49%)	\$0
High Trestle Trail to City of Boone Trail, Phase I, Division IA	Boone County Conservation Board	60.00	\$304,800	\$143,840 (47%)	\$0
Miller Creek Bridge Repairs	Black Hawk County Conservation Board	59.33	\$198,800	\$159,040 (80%)	\$0
Let's Konnect! Riverfront Trail	Keokuk	57.67	\$1,058,316	\$334,072 (32%)	\$0

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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Ballpark to Ballpark Phase One	Shelby County	55.00	\$426,900	\$341,520 (80%)	\$0
Pleasant Valley Trail Repair Project	Ida Grove	44.83	\$120,000	\$96,000 (80%)	\$0
Underwood Trail	Underwood	34.83	\$950,400	\$760,320 (80%)	\$0
Jefferson City Trail Angle Broom Purchase	Denver	7.97	\$6,150	\$4,920 (80%)	\$0