

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. PPM-2020-42
Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 14, 2020
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.

Bluff Creek OHV Park Bridge Replacements (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)	\$ 326,560
Cedar Valley Nature Trail-Phase 5, Segment 2 (Linn County Conservation Board)	\$ 500,000
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase IV (Dallas County Conservation Board)	\$ 328,175
Support for Program and Bicycle Summit (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 7,000
Tatonka Ska Trace Rail Trail Phase IV(a) (Dickinson County Trails Board)	\$ 221,750
 Total	 \$1,383,485

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:		Vote	
		Aye	Nay
	Arnold	<u>x</u>	_____
	Fehrman	<u>x</u>	_____
	Juckette	<u>x</u>	_____
	Maher	<u>x</u>	_____
	Putney	<u>x</u>	_____
	Rielly	<u>x</u>	_____
	Yanney	<u>absent</u>	_____
Moved by <u>Linda Juckette</u>	Seconded by <u>Kathy Fehrman</u>		
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director	



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: \$ 83,485
 - Funds awarded: \$1,383,485

- **Application Summary:**
 - Total number of projects: 20
 - Total project costs: \$19,694,284
 - Total amount requested: \$7,226,756

List of Motorized Applications Recommended

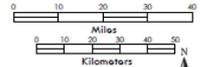
PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Bluff Creek OHV Park Bridge Replacements	Iowa DNR	65.83	\$408,200	\$326,560 (80%)	\$326,560 (80%)

List of Non-motorized Applications Recommended

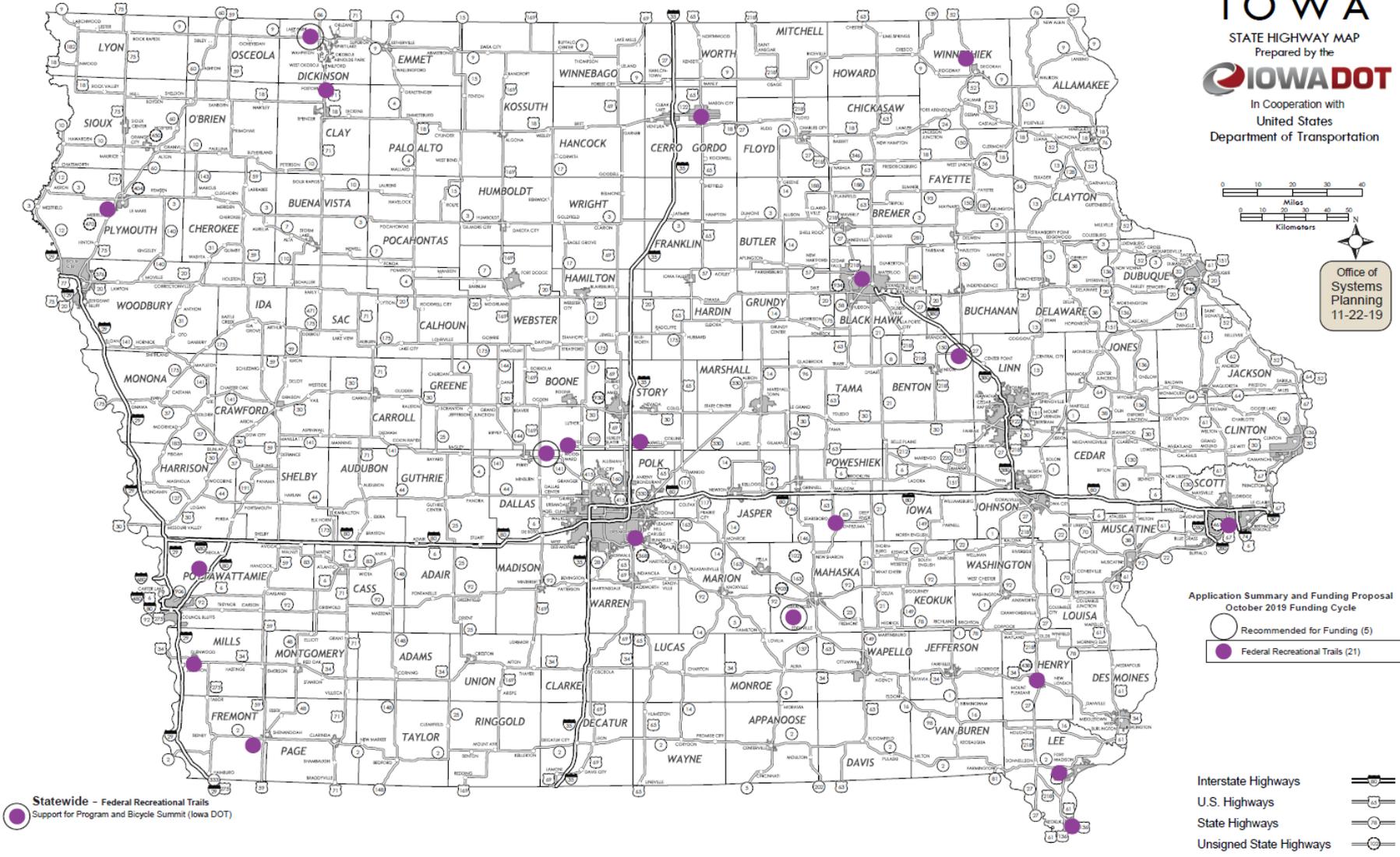
PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<u>Support for Program and Bicycle Summit</u>	Iowa DOT	N/A	\$8,750	\$7,000 (80%)	\$7,000 (80%)
<u>Cedar Valley Nature Trail Phase 5, Segment 2</u>	Linn County Conservation Board	80.71	\$1,500,000	\$700,000 (47%)	\$500,000 (33%)
<u>Tatanka Ska Trace Rail Trail Phase IV(a)</u>	Dickinson County Trails Board	79.29	\$883,680	\$221,750 (25%)	\$221,750 (25%)
<u>Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase IV</u>	Dallas County Conservation Board	77.29	\$664,000	\$441,560 (67%)	\$328,175 (49%)

Map of Applications Received

IOWA
STATE HIGHWAY MAP
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Statewide - Federal Recreational Trails
Support for Program and Bicycle Summit (Iowa DOT)

Application Summary and Funding Proposal
October 2019 Funding Cycle

- Recommended for Funding (5)
- Federal Recreational Trails (21)

Interstate Highways

U.S. Highways

State Highways

Unsigned State Highways



QUESTIONS?



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Bluff Creek OHV Park Bridge Replacements (Iowa DNR)

This project replaces five existing bridge and culvert structures at Bluff Creek OHV Park near Eddyville.

Total Cost: \$408,200
Requested: \$326,560 (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 2021 and for the 2021 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%)



Cedar Valley Nature Trail Phase 5, Segment 2 (Linn County Conservation Board)

This project will reconstruct and pave a 3.5-mile segment of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail from 56th Street Drive in Benton County to Iowa 150 at Urbana.

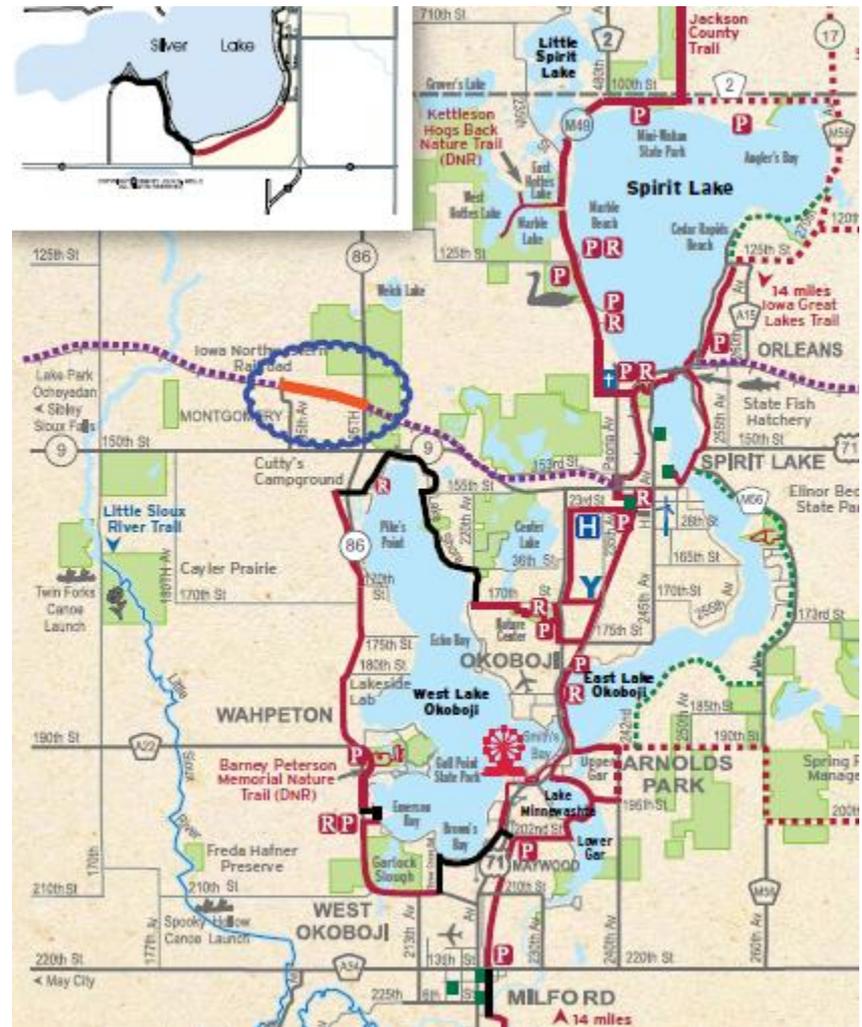
Total Cost: \$1,500,000
Requested: \$700,000 (47%)
Recommended: \$500,000 (33%)



Tatonka Ska Trace Rail Trail Phase IV(a) (Dickinson County Trails Board)

This project will construct a 1.15-mile paved trail on the former Iowa & Northwestern Railroad from Iowa 86 west of Spirit Lake to 193rd Avenue in Montgomery. This project is part of a multi-phase rail trail that will span 37 miles and connect eight northwest Iowa towns joining the Ed Winkel Memorial Trail west of Allendorf and continuing to Sibley for a total of 43 miles.

Total Cost: \$883,680
Requested: \$221,750 (25%)



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)
Heart of Iowa Nature Trail Paving from South Skunk River Bridge to County Road S-14	Story County Conservation Board	70.83	\$1,006,000	\$420,000 (42%)	\$0
Carlisle Trail Connection	Des Moines	70.29	\$2,500,000	\$400,000 (16%)	\$0
First Bridge Replica Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Bridge	River Action, Inc.	69.14	\$3,001,236	\$750,000 (25%)	\$0
Let's Konnect! Riverfront Trail	Keokuk	68.57	\$808,528	\$253,198 (31%)	\$0
George Wyth State Park Trail Replacement Phase I	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	68.50	\$335,000	\$268,000 (80%)	\$0

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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Connecting Fort Madison! Phase IV	Fort Madison	67.86	\$415,180	\$260,000 (63%)	\$0
Iowa Great Lakes Connection Trail Phase III	Clay County	65.29	\$458,394	\$366,715 (80%)	\$0
High Trestle Trail to City of Boone Trail Phase 1	Boone County Conservation Board	64.29	\$418,000	\$234,400 (56%)	\$0
Admiral Trail Phase 2	Farragut	58.57	\$421,500	\$337,200 (80%)	\$0
Glenwood Trail System	Glenwood	57.29	\$1,488,663	\$300,000 (20%)	\$0

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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
High Line Trail Phase I	Mason City	56.29	\$328,903	\$258,903 (79%)	\$0
Saunders Park Trail Connection	Mount Pleasant	53.86	\$539,950	\$175,000 (32%)	\$0
Bluffton Road (County Road W20) Shoulder Paving	Winneshiek County	49.86	\$300,000	\$240,000 (80%)	\$0
Plywood Trail Stage 1	Le Mars	47.00	\$3,250,000	\$500,000 (15%)	\$0
Bonham Memorial Park Trail Linkup	Montezuma	44.86	\$16,650	\$13,150 (79%)	\$0
Underwood Trail Connector along Railroad Highway Trail	Underwood	31.86	\$950,400	\$760,320 (80%)	\$0