DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Order No.

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 8, 2019
Title Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the statewide Transportation Alternatives program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

- Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission) $ 203,294
- UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management) $ 566,110
- Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation) $ 80,000

Total $ 849,404

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by ________________________ Seconded by ________________________

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Statewide Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives Program
Funding Recommendation
Statewide Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives Program

• Current version of former Transportation Enhancement program that has existed since 1991.

• Majority of funding is distributed to Iowa’s RPAs and MPOs with $1 million reserved for statewide projects

• Eligible activities include:
  – On-road and off-road non-motorized trail facilities, safe routes for non-drivers, conversion of abandoned rail corridors for trails, preservation/rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities among others
  – Federal Recreational Trails Program eligible activities
  – Infrastructure-related or non-infrastructure related Safe Routes to School Projects (if local TAP funds are used as well)
  – Scenic Byways (if local TAP funds are used as well)
Project Evaluation Criteria

• Statewide or multi-regional impact of the project (35 points)

• Degree of enhancement of the quality or utility of the state surface transportation system (20 points)

• State or multi-regional tourism benefits (10 points)

• Degree of statewide or multi-regional planning implemented (35 points)
Available Funding and Application Summary

- Estimated FY 2019 Appropriation: $10,764,227
  - $1,374,817 set-aside for Federal Recreational Trails program
  - Half of the balance ($4,694,705) is reserved for Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives Program projects awarded through the RPAs and MPOs
  - $1,000,000 of the remainder is reserved for the Statewide Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives Program
  - The final $3,694,705 is reserved for eligible local projects at the discretion of the RPAs and MPOs for:
    - Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives Program projects
    - Highway
    - Bridge
    - Transit
Available Funding and Application Summary

• Available Funding:
  – Statewide Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives Program funds available: $1,000,000

• Application Summary:
  – Total number of projects: 5
  – Total project costs: $1,986,328
  – Total amount requested: $1,267,217
# List of Applications Recommended

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Jump to applications not recommended for funding
Statewide Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives Program

Map of Applications Received

Application Summary and Funding Proposal
October 2010 Funding Cycle

Recommended for Funding
Statewide Transportation Alternatives (5)
QUESTIONS?

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Urban Youth Corps (Iowa DOT Program Set-aside; Solicit applications February 2019)

The UYC program seeks to provide transportation-related employment and training opportunities to youth between the ages of 16 and 25. The participants receive a mix of work experience, basic and life skills, education, training, and support services to accomplish meaningful and productive improvements to transportation facilities.

Total Cost: $100,000
Requested: $ 80,000 (80%)
Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa/Tallgrass Prairie Center)

Native grass and wildflower seed are to be planted in county road or city (population >10,000) rights-of-way. This allows counties and cities that apply Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management to more cost effectively establish native roadside vegetation for habitat, biodiversity, erosion control and improved hydrology across Iowa's landscape.

Total Cost: $1,056,945
Requested: $566,110 (54%)

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Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)

A comprehensive program that provides support to communities by implementing SRTS initiatives, including pedestrian and bicycle safety education through encouragement activities both inside and outside the classroom.

Total Cost: $254,117
Requested: $203,294 (80%)
## List of Applications
### Not Recommended for Award

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