DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office: Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Order No. ____________
Submitted by: Craig Markley Phone No.: 515-239-1027 Meeting Date: January 13, 2015
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’s Living Roadway Projects Program (Trees Forever) $ 200,000
- Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority and Iowa Bicycle Coalition) $ 157,893
- Lewis & Clark Multiuse Trail Implementation Phase 1 (Iowa Department Of Transportation) $ 230,607
- Native Grass and Wildflower Seed for County Road Rights of Way (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management) $ 336,500
- Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation) $ 75,000

Total $1,000,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:

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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Application Summary and Funding Proposal

OCTOBER 2014 FUNDING CYCLE
Available Funding

Statewide TAP Estimated FY 2015 Appropriation: $9,813,960

- $1,300,000 set aside for Federal Recreational Trails.
- Half ($4,256,980) passed to locals, half stays at the state level.
- The set-aside for Statewide TAP is $1,000,000
- Remaining $3,256,980 of state level funding provided to locals for any eligible project:
  - Transportation Alternatives Program
  - Highway
  - Bridge
  - Transit

Application Summary

Total number of projects = 9
Total project costs = $4,046,596
Total requested amount = $2,087,294

Recommendation Summary

Statewide TAP Projects: $1,000,000
Funding Proposal – Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program

Staff recommends the following projects be approved for Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program funding:

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<td>Urban Youth Corps (Iowa DOT)</td>
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1. **Project Name:** Iowa's Living Roadways Projects Program  
   **Sponsor:** Trees Forever  
   **Contact:** Carole Teator  
   770 7th Avenue  
   Marion, IA  52302  
   **Description:** The Iowa's Living Roadways Projects program is a statewide funding program open to all Iowa communities (population 10,000 and under) and counties. The program funds a variety of projects including right of way vegetation management practices as well as planning for trail safety and overall trail improvements.  
   **Total Cost:** $505,922  
   **Requested Amount:** $400,000 (79%)  

2. **Project Name:** Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership  
   **Sponsor:** Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments  
   **Contact:** Kevin Blanshan  
   229 E. Park Avenue  
   Waterloo, IA  50703  
   **CoSponsor:** Iowa Bicycle Coalition  
   **Contact:** Alana Croco  
   PO Box 5562  
   Coralville, IA  52241  
   **Description:** The Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership will work with schools and communities in Iowa to host education and encouragement activities for elementary aged children. The objective is to encourage more children to walk or bike to/from school. They also provide communities tools to use to make it safe for children while walking or biking.  
   **Total Cost:** $197,366  
   **Requested Amount:** $157,893 (80%)
3. **Project Name:** Lewis & Clark Multi-Use Trail Implementation Phase I  
   **Sponsor:** Iowa Department of Transportation  
   **Description:** Funds program to facilitate Phase I implementation of the Lewis & Clark Multi-Use Trail Study. Typical projects will include installation of signage, pavement markings, etc.  
   **Total Cost:** $230,607  
   **Requested Amount:** $230,607 (100%)  

4. **Project Name:** Native Grass and Wildflower Seed for County Road Rights of Way  
   **Sponsor:** University of Northern Iowa  
   **Contact:** Tolif Hunt, Grants and Contracts Administrator  
   Office of Research and Sponsored Programs  
   University of Northern Iowa  
   Cedar Falls, IA  50614-0394  
   **CoSponsor:** UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management  
   **Contact:** Maria Urice  
   Tallgrass Prairie Center  
   Cedar Falls, IA  50614-0394  
   **Description:** Native Grass and Wildflower Seed for County Road Rights of Way. Seeds purchased through this project allow counties with established Integrated Vegetation management programs and plans on file with the Iowa DOT to more cost effectively establish native roadside vegetation for habitat, biodiversity, erosion control and improved hydrology across Iowa's landscape.  
   **Total Cost:** $751,719  
   **Requested Amount:** $393,369 (52%)  

5. **Project Name:** Urban Youth Corps  
   **Sponsor:** Iowa Department of Transportation  
   **Description:** Funds non-profit private or public agency initiatives to provide transportation related employment and training opportunities to youth between the ages of 16 and 21 who face barriers to employment.  
   **Total Cost:** $75,000  
   **Requested Amount:** $75,000 (100%)
6. **Project Name:** Gay Lea Wilson Trail East Extension  
   **Sponsor:** City of Altoona  
   **Contact:** Vern Willey  
   407 8th Street SE  
   Altoona, IA 50009  
   **Description:** This application is to construct approximately two miles of 12-foot wide, asphalt paved trail extending from the existing trail near 8th Avenue NE in Altoona, parallel to railroad right of way and Mud Creek to under Interstate 80.  
   **Total Cost:** $1,654,200  
   **Requested Amount:** $325,000 (20%)  

7. **Project Name:** Hinton Veterans Trails  
   **Sponsor:** City of Hinton  
   **Contact:** Gerry Judd  
   205 W. Main Street  
   PO Box 1023 Hinton, IA 51024  
   **Description:** This project would widen the existing trail in Hinton and also extend the trail south past the high school approximately 1/4 mile. The trail extension would provide the first link of the Floyd River Valley Trail in the Siouxland area.  
   **Total Cost:** $328,500  
   **Requested Amount:** $262,800 (80%)  

8. **Project Name:** Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase I Acquisition/Construction (Perry to Bouton)  
   **Sponsor:** Dallas County Conservation  
   **Contact:** Mike Wallace, Director  
   14581 K Avenue  
   Perry, IA 50220  
   **Description:** The Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector project (Phase I), consists of the acquisition of land for and construction of, a trail that includes paving a hard surface multi-use trail between Perry and Bouton (total 4+ miles). The actual construction segment is from Perry to 130th Street in Dallas County.  
   **Total Cost:** $283,219  
   **Requested Amount:** $226,575 (80%)
9. **Project Name:** Sidewalk (Martensdale)  
**Sponsor:** City of Martensdale  
**Contact:** Donna Bahun, City Clerk  
380 Iowa Avenue  
PO Box 109 Martensdale, IA 50160  
**Description:** Install sidewalks on Burlington next to Martensdale-St. Marys School for children to walk on instead of in the street.  
**Total Cost:** $20,063  
**Requested Amount:** $16,050 (80%)