

**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 13, 2015  
 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.

Gypsum City OHV Park – Phase 3 Trail Construction (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Webster County Improvement Corporation)	\$ 195,559
Iowa DNR AmeriCorps Trail Crew (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)	\$ 280,000
Mitchellville to Prairie City Rails to Trails Corridor Acquisition (Jasper County Conservation)	\$ 450,599
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase 1 Acquisition/Construction - Perry to Bouton (Dallas County Conservation Board)	\$ 119,575
Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment Purchase (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State Snowmobile Association)	\$ 240,000
Support for Program and Bicycle/Trails Summits (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 18,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,304,133</b>

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

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

<b>COMMISSION ACTION:</b>			Vote	
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Division Director	Legal	State Director		

# **FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

## **Application Summary and Funding Proposal**

**October 2014 FUNDING CYCLE**

## **October 2014 Funding Summary**

### **Available Funding**

Estimated FY 2015 Appropriation: \$1,300,000

Additional funding available due to close out of project: \$4,133

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**Total Federal Recreational Trails Funds Available = \$1,304,133**

### **Application Summary**

Total number of non-motorized applications: 19

Total non-motorized project costs: \$16,050,564

Total non-motorized requested amount: \$7,648,015

Total number of motorized applications: 2

Total motorized project costs: \$565,559

Total motorized requested amount: \$435,559

### **Recommendation Summary**

**Non-Motorized total: \$868,574**

**Motorized total: \$435,559**

**Diversified total: \$868,574**

## Funding Proposal

Staff recommends the following projects be approved for Federal Recreational Trails funding:

No.	Project Name	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
1.	<b>Gypsum City OHV Park - Phase 3 Trail Construction (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Webster County Improvement Corporation)</b>	\$ 195,559	\$ 195,559
2.	<b>Iowa DNR AmeriCorps Trail Crew (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)</b>	\$ 280,000	\$ 475,559
3.	<b>Mitchellville to Prairie City Rails to Trails Corridor Acquisition (Jasper County Conservation)</b>	\$ 450,599	\$ 926,158
4.	<b>Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase 1 Acquisition/Construction-Perry to Bouton (Dallas County Conservation Board)</b>	\$ 119,575	\$1,045,733
5.	<b>Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment Purchase (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State Snowmobile Association)</b>	\$ 240,000	\$1,285,733
6.	<b>Support for Program and Bicycle/Trails Summits (Iowa Department of Transportation)</b>	\$ 18,400	\$1,304,133
7.	Carhart Trail Phase 2 (Monona County Conservation Board and Mapleton)		
8.	Cedar Valley Nature Trail - "Paving the Way for the American Discovery Trail" (Linn County Conservation Board)		
9.	City of Bondurant Segment 3 of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail, East (Bondurant)		
10.	Clear Creek Trail Phase 5 (Tiffin)		
11.	Flint River Trail: Phase I South (Burlington)		
12.	Gay Lea Wilson Trail East Extension (Altoona)		
13.	Hinton Tribute Trail (Hinton)		
14.	Independence Riverfront Portage (Independence)		
15.	Iowa Great Lakes Trail Connection (Spencer)		
16.	Iowa River Trail - Benton Street to Sturgis Ferry Park (Iowa City)		
17.	Iowa River Trail - Coralville Section (Coralville)		
18.	Jones Pasture Trail (Dickinson County Trails Board)		
19.	Rolling Prairie Trail - Allison to Bristow (Butler County Conservation Board)		
20.	Walnut Creek Trail - 156th Street to Waterford Road (Urbandale)		
21.	Waukee Trailhead Public Art and Amenities Project (Waukee and Waukee Trailhead Public Art Project Committee)		

- 1. Project Name: Gypsum City OHV Park - Phase 3 Trail Construction**

**Sponsor:** Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
**Contact:** David Downing  
Wallace Building  
502 East 9th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

**CoSponsor:** Webster County Improvement Corporation  
**Contact:** David Plautz  
24 N. 9th Street  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

**Description:** 1) Continued trail construction at the Gypsum City OHV Park, approximately 15 miles 2) Connect Phase I to Phase 3 trails under P-59 County bridge, and 3) Trail Maintenance and rehabilitation, Phases 1 & 2.

**Total Cost:** \$265,559  
**Requested Amount:** \$195,559 (74%)
- 2. Project Name: Iowa DNR AmeriCorps Trail Crew**

**Sponsor:** Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
**Contact:** Whitney S. Davis  
Wallace Building  
502 East 9th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

**Description:** Rehabilitation and development of trails in Iowa's state parks, upward of 100 miles.

**Total Cost:** \$350,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$280,000 (80%)
- 3. Project Name: Mitchellville to Prairie City Rails to Trails Corridor Acquisition**

**Sponsor:** Jasper County Conservation  
**Contact:** Keri Van Zante  
115 N 2nd Avenue E  
Newton, IA 50208

**Description:** Acquisition of 10.75 miles of deactivated Iowa Interstate Railroad corridor in Jasper County between the cities of Mitchellville and Prairie City.

**Total Cost:** \$937,500  
**Requested Amount:** \$750,000 (80%)

**4. Project Name: Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase 1 Acquisition/Construction-Perry to Bouton**

**Sponsor:** Dallas County Conservation Board  
**Contact:** Mike Wallace, Director  
14581 K Avenue  
Perry, IA 50220

**Description:** Project Phase 1 of the Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector project, 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. The overall 10+- mile trail connection from Perry to Woodward will be 10 foot wide, with two foot wide unpaved shoulders. The trail will be paved with Portland cement concrete, six inches thick.

**Total Cost:** \$283,219  
**Requested Amount:** \$226,575 (80%)

**5. Project Name: Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment Purchase**

**Sponsor:** Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
**Contact:** David Downing  
Wallace Building  
502 E. 9th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

**CoSponsor:** Iowa State Snowmobile Association  
**Contact:** Jim Willey, President  
20838 247th Street  
Delhi, IA 52223

**Description:** Cost-share the costs of replacing snowmobile grooming equipment. The equipment is used to maintain 8,800 miles of Iowa designated snowmobile trails. The equipment will be purchased as soon as funds are available.

**Total Cost:** \$300,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$240,000 (80%)

**6. Project Name:** Support for Program and Bicycle/Trails Summits  
**Sponsor:** Iowa Department of Transportation  
**Description:** This project provides funding to pay for conference expenses for the 2016 Iowa Bicycle Summit, and the 2015 Iowa Trails Summit, as well as costs related to operation of the Federal Recreational Trails Program for 2015 and 2016.  
**Total Cost:** \$23,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$18,400 (80%)

**7. Project Name:** Carhart Trail Phase 2  
**Sponsor:** Monona County Conservation Board  
**Contact:** Doug Kuhlmann, Monona County Conservation Director  
318 Iowa Avenue  
Onawa, IA 51040  
**CoSponsor:** City of Mapleton  
**Contact:** Marie Whiteing, Chair  
Rebuild & Recover Mapleton Committee  
513 Main Street  
Mapleton, IA 51034  
**Description:** This component of the Carhart Trail Phase 2 includes the proposed installation of a recycled "Bailey" bridge over the Maple River, 1.35 miles of granular surfacing to be installed leading up to and on the existing Master's Prairie Trail, and one mile of previously undeveloped trail leading south into Schoenjahn Wildlife Area. This project provides a rich user experience and key linkages to existing amenities (Schoenjahn WMA, Master's Trail & Carhart Conservation Area) as well as those currently under development (Maple River Water Trail).  
**Total Cost:** \$332,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$279,500 (84%)

**8. Project Name: Cedar Valley Nature Trail - "Paving the Way for the American Discovery Trail"**

**Sponsor:** Linn County Conservation Board  
**Contact:** Dan L. Biechler, Executive Director  
10260 Morris Hills Road  
Toddville, IA 52341

**Description:** Construction and hard-surfacing (phase 4 paving) of a key 3.5 mile segment of the Cedar Valley Trail from south of and through Center Point, Iowa, as part of the coast-to-coast American Discovery Trail (ADT). The construction and paving of this key 3.5 mile stretch (gap in paving) completes a continuous hard-surfaced trail connection from Ely in southern Linn County through Center Point, about 30 miles. The counties directly impacted by completing this hard-surfaced trail include: Black Hawk, Buchanan, Benton, Linn, and Johnson which have a combined population of 534,487.

**Total Cost:** \$1,187,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$ 500,000 (42%)

**9. Project Name: City of Bondurant Segment 3 of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail, East**

**Sponsor:** City of Bondurant  
**Contact:** Mark Arentsen, City Administrator  
PO Box 37  
Bondurant, IA 50035

**Description:** This project is a 4,500 foot long, 10-foot wide concrete trail of which 1,500 feet will be a shared road section on Main Street, a lightly traveled road, and 3,000 feet will be a new concrete trail on the 5th Street and Grant Street right of way. This trail segment completes another portion of the Central Iowa Trail Loop, designated one of five Trails of Statewide Significance in a 2000 study by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

**Total Cost:** \$1,700,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$ 425,000 (25%)

**10. Project Name: Clear Creek Trail Phase 5**

**Sponsor:** City of Tiffin  
**Contact:** Michon Jackson, City Administrator/Clerk  
300 Railroad Street  
PO Box 259  
Tiffin, IA 52340

**Description:** The 0.84 mile trail connection will link Tiffin to the 1.25 mile segment in Johnson County and the greater Clear Creek Trail, a 13.3 mile trail that serves the Iowa City urbanized area, and which has been constructed incrementally by multiple jurisdictions. This trail segment follows the creek through deciduous forest habitat.

**Total Cost:** \$693,100  
**Requested Amount:** \$405,500 (59%)

**11. Project Name: Flint River Trail: Phase I South**

**Sponsor:** City of Burlington  
**Contact:** Charlie Nichols, City Planner  
400 Washington Street  
Burlington, IA 52601

**Description:** The Flint River Trail is a 20 mile multi-use recreational trail that is a joint effort between the city of Burlington and Des Moines County. This application is for Phase I South of the city portion of the trail which starts at the Burlington riverfront and travels approximately half a mile along Highway 99 towards portions of the trail which are already funded and/or constructed. This section of the trail will be a paved 8 foot multi use trail separated from the adjacent road by a concrete barrier and railing. With a successful Federal Recreational Trails Program award, the city of Burlington will be close to completing its four mile section of the Flint River Trail.

**Total Cost:** \$990,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$393,150 (40%)

**12. Project Name: Gay Lea Wilson Trail East Extension**

**Sponsor:** City of Altoona  
**Contact:** Vern Willey, II, Community Services Director  
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. From that point, a future project will extend the trail north into Bondurant to connect with the Chichaqua Valley Trail.

**Total Cost:** \$1,654,200  
**Requested Amount:** \$ 375,000 (23%)

**13. Project Name: Hinton Tribute Trail**

**Sponsor:** City of Hinton  
**Contact:** Gerry Judd, City Clerk  
205 W. Main Street  
PO Box 1023  
Hinton, IA 51024

**Description:** This project is to extend the current trail in Hinton to the south. This trail would be about a 1/4 mile in length. The trail would extend the current trail that passes in front of Hinton High School. The trail would be lined with American flags as it runs along US 75 to remember Hinton's veterans.

**Total Cost:** \$361,502  
**Requested Amount:** \$289,202 (80%)

**14. Project Name: Independence Riverfront Portage**

**Sponsor:** City of Independence  
**Contact:** Al Roder, City Manager  
331 1st Street E  
Independence, IA 50644

**Description:** The Independence Riverfront Portage project consists of two canoe/kayak accesses, one each side of the Wapsipinicon River Upper Dam in the City of Independence. The project also consists of an 8-foot wide extension to the Riverwalk Trail which will complete the connection between the two accesses. The trail extension is roughly 555 feet in length, and will extend from the existing trail head near 2nd Street NE to the alleyway between 1st Street E and 2nd Street SE. The installation of ADA compliant ramps will allow trail users to travel underneath the 1st Street Bridge or to meet 1st Street at grade.

**Total Cost:** \$418,858  
**Requested Amount:** \$335,086 (80%)

**15. Project Name: Iowa Great Lakes Trail Connection**

**Sponsor:** City of Spencer  
**Contact:** Delray Bredehoeft, Parks and Recreation Director  
418 2nd Avenue West  
Spencer, IA 51301

**Description:** The City of Spencer is applying for Phase 2 of the Iowa Great Lakes Connection Trail Project. The proposed project will connect the Spencer Recreation Trail to the Dickinson County Recreational Trail System. The proposed project will be 2.2 miles in length and connect the Phase I portion of the project to the north city limits of Spencer. It will be constructed on a city owned railroad line that has been abandoned and has been identified as a future recreational trail. Refer to attached maps for exact project location in the City of Spencer.

**Total Cost:** \$749,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$599,200 (80%)

**16. Project Name: Iowa River Trail - Benton Street to Sturgis Ferry Park**

**Sponsor:** City of Iowa City  
**Contact:** Ron Knoche, City Engineer  
410 East Washington Street  
Iowa City, IA 52240

**Description:** This segment of the Iowa River Trail will provide access to South Iowa City, the University of Iowa campus, and downtown Iowa City, as well as destinations and parks along the entire 11-mile trail. The total length of the trail, including underpass below Highway 6, will be approximately 3,300 feet.

**Total Cost:** \$1,948,438  
**Requested Amount:** \$ 450,000 (23%)

**17. Project Name: Iowa River Trail - Coralville Section**

**Sponsor:** City of Coralville  
**Contact:** Sherri Proud, Director of Parks and Recreation  
1506 8th Street  
Coralville, IA 52241

**Description:** This application is for the Iowa River Trail segment in Coralville that begins on the north side of Iowa City along Dubuque Street and ends on the south side of Iowa City at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area for a total of 17.4 miles. This application is for a section of trail that is 2,470 linear feet long and includes a bridge over Clear Creek. It will connect the recently completed segment of the Iowa River Trail that extends across the Iowa River from the Iowa City Peninsula neighborhood and runs south along the Coralville riverfront ending at Clear Creek. The trail connects at this point to the Clear Creek Trail going west through the southern border of Coralville about 5.2 miles which is anticipated to be completed to our westerly neighbor of Tiffin by 2017 and this project will connect on the east side to Crandic Park in Iowa City.

**Total Cost:** \$879,604  
**Requested Amount:** \$703,683 (80%)

**18. Project Name: Jones Pasture Trail**

**Sponsor:** Dickinson County Trails Board  
**Contact:** Jean Martin, Executive Director  
PO Box 304  
Okoboji, IA 51355

**Description:** The objective of this 5,440 foot trail is to extend the existing trail north on the east side of Big Spirit Lake to reach the DNR's Angler's Bay Wildlife Management Area (A future trail will be built through the WMA) as well as create connectivity to the entire Iowa Great Lakes Trails system through the East Okoboji Slough and Pioneer Beach Road Trails at the south end of Big Spirit Lake. The new trail also provides greater safety to users, avoiding the use of a busy county blacktop road.

**Total Cost:** \$474,944  
**Requested Amount:** \$379,955 (80%)

**19. Project Name: Rolling Prairie Trail - Allison to Bristow**

**Sponsor:** Butler County Conservation Board  
**Contact:** Mike Miner, Director  
28727 Timber Road  
Clarksville, IA 50619

**Description:** Utilizing an abandoned railroad corridor, the Rolling Prairie Trail is an emerging trail network that will connect the City of Coulter in Franklin County to the City of Oelwein in Fayette County, encompassing over 80 miles of trail. This application provides for paving 5.45 miles of trail from the City of Allison west to the City of Bristow. The proposed segment will consist of a 10' wide, 5" thick PCC surface with 2' granular shoulders.

**Total Cost:** \$1,441,094  
**Requested Amount:** \$ 750,000 (52%)

- 20. Project Name: Walnut Creek Trail - 156th Street to Waterford Road**
- Sponsor:** City of Urbandale  
**Contact:** Jan Herke, Director of Parks and Recreation  
3600 86th Street  
Urbandale, IA 50322
- Description:** This 2,700 ft. long concrete trail will be 10 feet wide and will connect from under 156th Street just north of Meredith Drive at the south, and continue north along Walnut Creek through Waterford Park, and connect up to Waterford Road on the north.
- Total Cost:** \$553,800  
**Requested Amount:** \$140,000 (25%)
- 21. Project Name: Waukee Trailhead Public Art and Amenities Project**
- Sponsor:** City of Waukee  
**Contact:** Matt Jermier, Director of Waukee Parks and Recreation  
12065 6th Street  
Waukee, IA 50263
- CoSponsor:** Waukee Trailhead Public Art Project Committee  
**Contact:** Jim Miller, Project Committee Chair  
505 Market Street, Suite No. 300  
West Des Moines, IA 50266
- Description:** The project is a part of a broader initiative to establish the 89 mile Raccoon River Valley Trail as a regionally significant cultural trail corridor. Waukee is the first of the trail communities to advance the regional initiative with the construction of an iconic public art and shelter structure and related site amenities at its trailhead along Hickman Road (Hwy 6) and 10th Street (Hwy R-22). The structures and site plan have been designed by RDG, led by David Dahlquist, well known for highly successful public art trail structures, most noteworthy being the High Trestle Trail Bridge. The comprehensive project design entitled Waukee Railroad Pergola includes a 350' long lighted main trellis structure constructed over the existing trail path.
- Total Cost:** \$1,073,305  
**Requested Amount:** \$ 347,764 (32%)