

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2025-55
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 21, 2025
 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 recommendations will be presented.

Estherville River Recreation Enhancement Project (Estherville)	\$ 650,000
Iowa River's Edge Trail: Bridge Improvements (Hardin County)	\$ 438,475
Off-Highway Vehicle Park Equipment (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)	\$ 272,000
Snow Trail Maintenance Equipment (Iowa State Snowmobile Association)	\$ 260,000
Total	\$1,620,475

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 _____	Seconded by _____	Anderson _____	Arnold _____	Gaesser _____
		Juckette _____	Mulgrew Gronen _____	Rielly _____
		Stutsman _____		
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director		



Federal Recreational Trails Program

Funding Recommendation



Federal Recreational Trail 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

Criteria	Points
Degree to which motorized and non-motorized trail use are accommodated.	10
Greatest number of compatible multi-purpose uses	10
Access and use for persons with disabilities, older citizens, economically challenged and other special populations or groups.	10
Provides development of trail linkages	10
Opportunities for new partnerships between trail users and private interests.	10
Identified in or furthers a specific goal of a state, regional, or local plan	10
Leverages greater public or private investments	10
Citizen involvement in the project's conception and implementation.	10
Degree to which project ties into other trails.	10
Public/private partnerships to continue operation and maintenance.	15
Trails with national designation or resulting in the cleanup of an area	10
MAXIMUM POINTS	115

Available Funding and Application Summary

Available Funding:

Annual appropriation	\$1,300,000
Underruns from closed projects	\$492,000
Total available funding	\$1,792,000

Application Summary:

Total number of projects	9
Total project costs	\$25,152,638
Total amount requested	\$5,577,042

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>Snow Trail Maintenance Equipment</u>	Iowa State Snowmobile Association	61	\$325,000	\$260,000 (80%)	\$260,000 (80%)
<u>Off-Highway Vehicle Park Equipment</u>	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	48	\$340,000	\$272,000 (80%)	\$272,000 (80%)

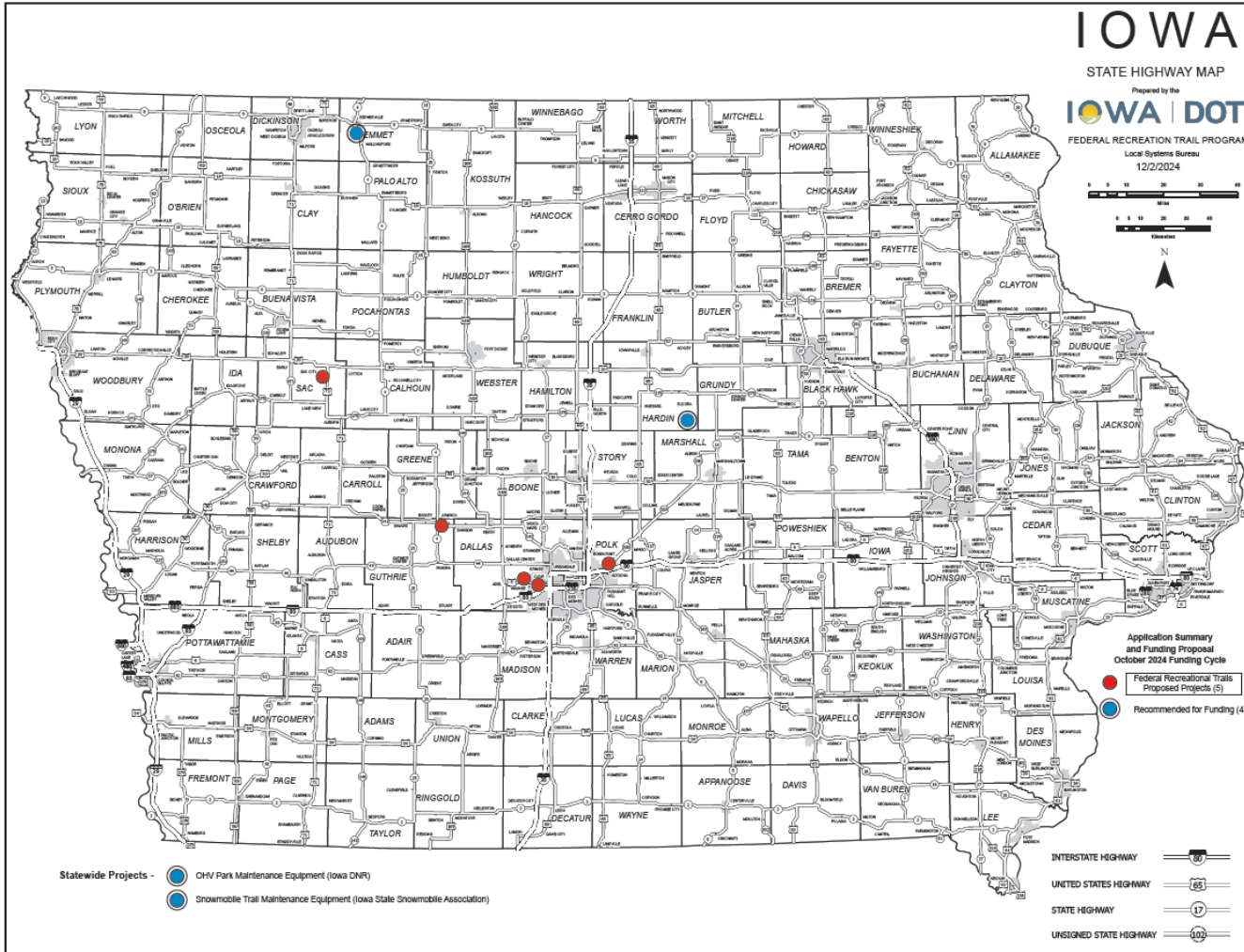
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List of Non-motorized Applications Recommended

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<u>Estherville River Recreation Enhancement Project</u>	Estherville	70	\$1,300,000	\$650,000 (50%)	\$650,000 (50%)
<u>Iowa River's Edge Trail: Bridge Improvements</u>	Hardin County	68	\$548,071	\$438,475 (80%)	\$438,475 (80%)

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Map of Applications Received



Thank you!

Questions?



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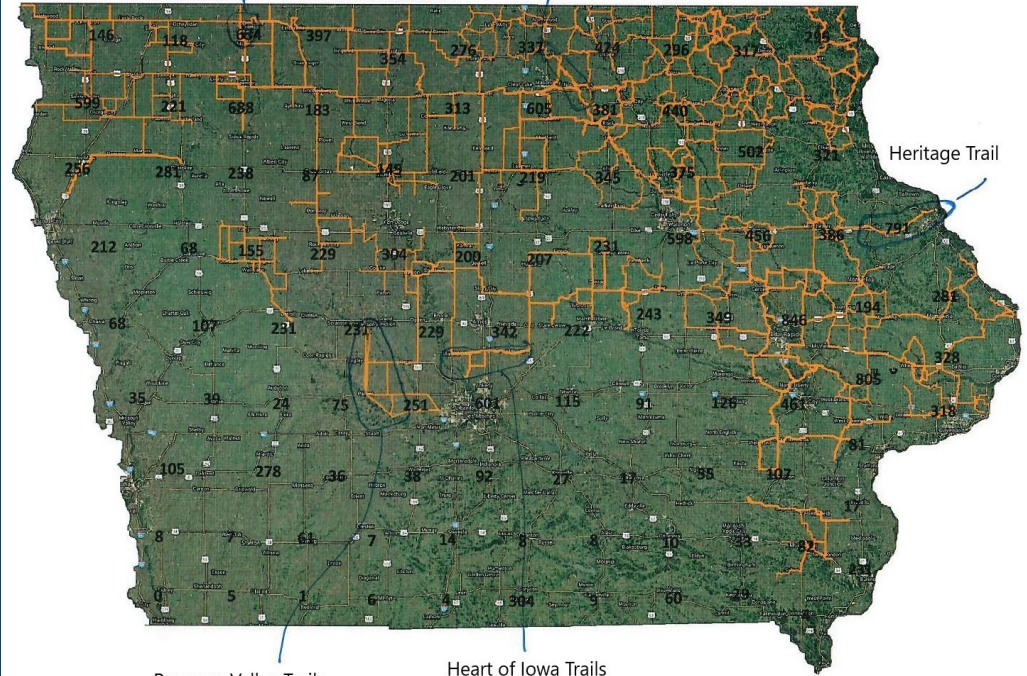
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Snow Trail Maintenance Equipment (Iowa State Snowmobile Association)

This project purchases new snow cat power units and drags to maintain snow trails across Iowa.

Total Cost: \$325,000

Requested: \$260,000 (80%)



Raccoon Valley Trails

Heart of Iowa Trails

ISSA STATE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL

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Off-Highway Vehicle Park Equipment (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)

This project will purchase six pieces of trail maintenance equipment (bobcats and excavators) for use at designated OHV parks.

Total Cost: \$340,000

Requested: \$272,000 (80%)

Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle Parks



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Iowa River's Edge Trail: Bridge Improvements (Hardin County)

This project will rehabilitate three bridges along the Iowa River's Edge Trail between Gifford and Union.

Total Cost: \$548,071

Requested: \$438,475 (80%)



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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)
Waukee Regional Trail Connection and Safety Improvements	Waukee	62	\$7,170,000	\$300,000 (4%)	\$0
Sac City Trail Connector	Sac City	60	\$1,625,000	\$1,300,000 (80%)	\$0
Grant Street Trail	Bondurant	59	\$5,350,000	\$300,000 (6%)	\$0
Little Walnut Creek Trail	Clive	54	\$3,606,000	\$300,000 (8%)	\$0
Raccoon River Valley Trail Project	Guthrie County Conservation Board	43	\$4,888,567	\$1,756,757 (36%)	\$0

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