

**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 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:			
Moved by _____	Seconded by _____	Boswell	Vote
		Huber	Aye
		Miles	Nay
		Putney	Pass
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_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director	

**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:

No.	Project Name	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
1.	Iowa's Living Roadways Projects Program (Trees Forever)	\$200,000	\$200,000
2.	Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments and Iowa Bicycle Coalition)	\$157,893	\$357,893
3.	Lewis & Clark Multi-Use Trail Implementation Phase I (Iowa DOT)	\$230,607	\$588,500
4.	Native Grass and Wildflower Seed for County Road Rights of Way (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management)	\$336,500	\$925,000
5.	Urban Youth Corps (Iowa DOT)	\$ 75,000	\$1,000,000
6.	Gay Lea Wilson Trail East Extension (Altoona)		
7.	Hinton Veterans Trails (Hinton)		
8.	Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase I Acquisition/Construction (Perry to Bouton) (Dallas County Conservation)		
9.	Sidewalk (Martensdale)		

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%)