



CITY OF RAPID CITY

Department of Parks and Recreation

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To: Public Works & City Council

From: Jeff Biegler, Director

Re: Request Authorization for one Recreational Trail Program Grant Submissions to the South Dakota State Parks Department of Game Fish and Parks and receipt of funds and associated contracts if awarded.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides communities across the State of South Dakota an opportunity to compete for grant funds to assist in providing and maintaining recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized use. The City of Rapid City is looking to secure additional funds for the project below.

Project: Skyline Wilderness Park Trails. This Project will begin implementation of the natural surface trail system identified in the Skyline Wilderness Park Trail Plan. The current Skyline Vision Fund Project has funding allocated for trail layout and construction; the Parks Department is currently seeking a professional trail building contract and is anticipating construction to begin in 2014.

The RTP Program requires a 20% minimum local match, as grant funds cannot exceed 80% of a Project's total cost. **The local match funds identified below are currently allocated and no additional City funding is requested for this application.*

Project Description	Federal Share	Local Match	Project Total
Skyline Trail System	\$240,000	\$60,000*	\$300,000

Staff Recommendation: Staff Requests authorization to submit and sign the application for the FY2014 Recreational Trail Program Grants and authorize the Mayor and Finance Officer to accept the grants if awarded, with the total project costs in the amount of \$300,000, allowing minor language and cost adjustments to the applications to reflect suggestions from the State Parks after the mandatory site review.