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Summary: The Parks and Recreation Department is moving forward to master plan the Skyline Wilderness Area trail system. The contract for a trail design consultant should be approved at this weeks City Council meeting. Staff would like permission to apply for a \$100,000 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for the construction of new trails and rehabilitation of areas that have been abused over the years in the Skyline Wilderness Park.

The RTP grant is an 80/20 matching reimbursable grant. That is, if received, the grant would allow the City to recoup up to 80% of the costs of construction and rehabilitation. Twenty percent of the costs of the grant would be the City's responsibility and could be from volunteers, donated materials, staff time, equipment and cash from donations and the Parks and Recreation CIP program, if needed.

Recommendation: Authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for the Recreational Trails Program Grant.