

NORTH DAKOTA

Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee (RTPAC) Meeting

Preliminary Agenda and Notes

June 15, 2021 @ 1:00PM

ND Parks & Recreation Department Grants Coordinator, Char Binstock, NDPRD

Char will welcome everyone to the virtual presentation and thank everyone for their applications. This year, there were 18 applications totaling approximately \$3.1 million with approximately \$1 million available to award.

This is the first year, we have used the Web Grants system. It was overall successful with some additional edits to the application portion of the system. This is the second year we have established an applicant presentation meeting at the request of the board. It was helpful to the board and applicants last year, so the board requested we continue the process.

The applicants have been given the opportunity to present and share information with the board about each of their projects. Each applicant will get 10 minutes to present virtually (via MS Teams) and answer any question the board may have. Breaks have not been scheduled due to the potential time we have in between presentations (if on is possibly shorter) or the time slot not being utilized by the applicant.

**Just a note:* The new manual was released in April 2021 upon the release of the FY22 RTP application round. It was revised in collaboration with the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA). Kraig will speak to the revisions of the program to make it better for FHWA, NDPRD, and our project sponsors.

1. Fargo Park District – Orchard Glen Park Trail Extension: The project will include the excavation of 6" of existing turf and topsoil along the 3,000-foot extension of the trail. A crushed aggregate material will be placed and compacted to create the trail. This trail segment will connect to previously constructed trails. There will also be signage placed along the trail to include 2 large site maps and 475' of cedar split rail fence around the 2 pollinator gardens along the trail.

Total Project Costs= \$77,860.00

Grant Request= \$62,288.00

2. Barnes Country Park Board – Sheyenne River Water Trail: Expected results include providing safe access to private and public lands through additional recreational opportunities in the Sheyenne Valley, as well as, an increase public awareness of the river. Through development of landings and the addition of amenities such as garbage receptacles, the amount of refuse along the River will be reduced providing higher quality habitat to aquatic and land wildlife. Growing tourism on the river will bring more people into local businesses which will be great for the local rural economy. It will provide another outdoor activity to help create healthier communities, one of our Governor's three pillars. The anticipated completion date of this \$395,685 project is mid-2023. Once completed, the Water Trail will encourage people to enjoy nature and hopefully inspire them to preserve the beauty around them.

Grant Request= \$250,000

3. City of New England – Southside Multi-Use Pedestrian Trail: In this application, the City of New England proposes to construct a multi-use pedestrian trail throughout Riverside Park. The non-motorized, paved trail would be 8-ft wide and approximately 2200-ft (0.42 miles), winding through the scenic, tree-covered Riverside Park and campground areas,

located adjacent to the Cannonball River. This application is part of a multi-phase project. The City intends for two main recreational trails: Southside and Northside. In this application, the project budget will allow for a paved multi-use pedestrian trail throughout Riverside Park, as part of the Southside Trail project.

Total Project Costs= \$312,500

Grant Request= \$250,000

4. North Dakota Parks and Rec – Trail Maintenance Equipment: This project is a four-tiered approach with tier 1 being the highest priority and tier 4 the lowest priority. Tier 1: Trail Dozer equipment - The procurement of a new trail dozer equipment suitable for our current trail widths across the state is crucial to maintain a safe trail for users to hike, horse, and bike on. Tier 2: Procurement of trail Dozer Backhoe Attachment: The procurement of a backhoe attachment for the trail dozer will be crucial for removing fallen debris as well as assisting in mitigating water run-off issues experienced on a large portion of our trails. Tier 3: Procurement of Bobcat tool cat or similar equipment to install and move material to maintenance repair sites. This is a critical link into a complete maintenance equipment package. Tier 4: Trail Walk-behind dozer to maintain trails in more arduous terrain such as Little Missouri State Park.

Total Project Costs= \$250,000

Grant Request= \$200,000

5. North Dakota Parks and Rec – Snowmobile Program Equipment: This project is a two-tiered approach with tier 1 being the highest priority and tier 3 the lowest priority. Tier 1: Procurement of new Tucker Groomer - The procurement of a new Tucker groomer is a life-cycle replacement plan agreed to within the partnership between Snowmobile North Dakota (SND) and the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD). Tier 2 is the purchase of a Buy America qualified enclosed UTV. Many of our trails around Bismarck require shrubbing to prepare the trail for minimal snow accumulation to open the trail for public use. The UTV will be the prime mover for equipment as well as serve as a platform for volunteers to conduct snowmobile trail signing.

Total Project Costs= \$209,000

Grant Request= \$167,000

6. MDHTA – Buffalo Gap Restoration 2022: This project would reestablish 14000' of the trail tread and place gravel surfacing 3' wide and 4" compacted depth on the trail tread.

Total Project Costs= \$103,400

Grant Request= \$82,720

7. MDHTA – Coal Creek Restoration 2022: This is a continuation of the 2021 RTP projects to restore and surface another 2.5 miles of the MDH trail. This will provide an all-weather trail for all trail users by placing gravel surfacing on this portion of the MDH trail.

Total Project Costs= \$112,200

Grant Request= \$89,760

8. Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa – Turtle Mountain OHV Trail Upgrades: To develop our trailhead amenities, signage, and parking areas along our trails which are utilized by multiple off-road vehicles and multiple off-road vehicle clubs.

Total Project Costs= \$80,000

Grant Request= \$64,000

9. Bismarck Parks and Rec Dept – Hay Creek Trail Renovation: The Hay Creek Trail is a segment of the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District's Hay Creek Trail system. This segment allows users to safely travel north and south on the east side of Bismarck through a natural corridor, off the busy roadways. The trail section shown in red on the attached Site

Plan is in need of an overlay, to improve accessibility and safety, due to cracks, wearing, and overall condition. This portion of the project consists predominantly of a two-inch asphalt overlay. The shared use path sections total approximately 4,528 linear feet, or .86 miles.

Total Project Costs= \$220,813.82

Grant Request= \$176,651.06

10. Bismarck Parks and Rec Dept – Trailhead Systems Improvements: The proposed project would upgrade the trail head program for the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District (BPRD) trail system. The existing system includes 32 trail head signs. The project will a two-part project. The first part will be to construct 6 new signs for BPRD new trails and trail head locations and to replace aging signs. One new sign would go in South Meadows Park, a new neighborhood park along the S. Washington Street trail. The second sign would go near Southland Park, along the Southland Trail. The third and fourth signs would be along the 43rd Street Trail at State Street and Centennial, and the fifth sign would be for the Sunrise Trail near the park entrance. The replacement sign would be installed at Solheim. The second part will be to update the mapping on all the signs. The new maps will be to scale and will include a "you are here" wayfinding component, along with comfort items noted like restrooms and water stops.

Total Project Costs= \$36,400

Grant Request= \$29,120

11. Bismarck Parks and Rec Dept – South Washington Trail Connection to Sibley Park: The proposed project includes a trail extension of the well-utilized South Washington Street Trail from South Meadows Park to General Sibley Park and Campground. South Washington Trail is currently part of a safe trail route to South Meadows Park, Solheim Elementary and Wachter Middle School from many residential subdivisions and is also a commuter and recreational trail connection to the Burleigh Avenue Trail, University Avenue Trail and all businesses in the heart of South Bismarck. Adding the South Washington Trail extension would allow for a direct trail connection to General Sibley Park and Campground, a recreation and tourism destination. The South Washington extension trail would be a 10' shared use asphalt trail that will begin where the existing trail ends at Meridian Drive and go south to the entrance to Sibley Park, approximate 4,568 LF. The new trail connection, including crossings, would add .86 miles to the trail system in south Bismarck.

Grant Request= \$250,000

12. Cass County Highway Dept – County Highway 11 Shared Use Path: This RTP grant request is for the construction of a shared-use path (SUP) that extends about 1500 ft north to south along Cass County Highway 11 and about 300 ft east to west. The proposed SUP will be 10 ft wide and 5 ft thick reinforced concrete. The SUP would terminate at Lindsey Court and a new bikeway would be striped to connect the SUP network to Sunrise Drive. At Sunset Drive, the SUP will be continued west connecting to the existing bikeway on the west side of the existing roadway tapers. The SUP will include installation of five ADA compliant crosswalks, one of which will cross County Highway 11.

Grant Request= \$250,000

13. Minot Park District – Outdoor Recreation Area Minot Parks: The purpose of the grant application is to request partial funding for the second phase of trails to the 240-acre piece of land. The goal of this project is to provide people of all ages the opportunity to enjoy conservation using trails on this untouched piece of land just outside the hustle and bustle of the Magic City. Through this project, we strive to preserve existing landforms and features. We want to protect the wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas. The benefits of this project include both natural and aggregate trails for biking, hiking, birding, and site seeing.

Total Project Costs= \$262,920.92

Grant Request= \$210,336.77

14. City of Castleton – 15th Ave N. Shared Use Path: The project scope will begin to address the SCORP Region 5 Primary need of providing trails for walking, running, and bicycling and will occur in several phases. This grant request is for Phase 1 which includes construction of a 10 ft wide shared-use path (SUP) along the west ROW of 15th Ave N. The SUP will be 5" thick reinforced concrete and ADA compliant. Phase 1 will connect to an existing trail along 5th St. N. near the school and extend 1,190 ft south. Embankment and culverts will be installed between driveways and locations as needed to allow positive drainage. Future phases will extend SUP south to Front St., then west to connect into the sidewalk system at 13th Ave. N. Additional future phases include new SUP from Front St. south to 2nd St. S. and continuing to Willow Bend Drive.

Total Project Costs= \$312,500

Grant Request= \$250,000

15. Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation – Pancratz Trail System: The proposed trail is a 3-mile multi-use, single track trail extension, which is Phase Three of Pancratz Trail system. Phase One of this trail system, is 1.5 miles of completed walking/hiking trail with a marquee feature that acts as a ladder and erosion control device. Phase One is now open. Phase Two is a 3-mile multi-use trail extension slated for completion July 2021. Phase Three is a planned 3-mile, multi-use trail extension with an added trailhead location. The whole trail system will be 7.5 miles. The project will include site amenities: benches where feasible; natural areas that widen for two-way traffic; directional signage; wayside signage that interprets relevant historic and educational information; retainage components for trail sustainability; and trailhead access and information enhancements.

Total Project Costs= \$162,432

Grant Request= \$129,945

16. City of Tioga – Tioga Dam Trail: Construct a trail around the dam for recreational purposes.

Total Project Costs= \$306,000

Grant Request= \$244,800

17. Lincoln Park District – 2021 Shared Use Path: This application is for Phase I of the Shared Use Path - 66th St Extension, but is a standalone project and will be completed as one bid. The project will include construction of a new 0.28-mile, 10' hot mix asphalt path which will tie-in to an existing shared use path. The project will consist of grading, placement of base material, paving, ADA features, and pathway lighting system to match the existing pathway system it connects to. The path will be constructed within the Burleigh County right-of-way, but permission has been granted to use the land for this project. The City of Lincoln Public Works and Lincoln Park District will perform maintenance throughout all seasons.

Total Project Costs= \$230,143.50

Grant Request= \$184,114.80

18. City of New Town – Edgewater Country Club Lake Access Trail: The proposed project includes the construction of a 10-foot wide, 1,300 LF concrete path extending from the Club House to Lake Sakakawea. The work will include topsoil stripping, excavation, ramp construction, ADA railing installation, and restoration. The project will be completed in a single phase.

Total Project Costs= \$259,600

Grant Request= \$207,680

**Please have the scoresheets back to me no later than Wednesday, June 30th at 5:00PM. If you have any questions about the scoring process, feel free to contact me at cbinstock@nd.gov or (701) 328-5364.*