



Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



2012-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET FACT SHEET **Local Trail Grants Lottery-in-Lieu** **Expenditures: \$100,000 FY 2012 / \$100,000 FY 2013** **(Natural Resources Fund – Lottery-in-Lieu)**

It is needed because

This initiative provides funding from the local trail grants lottery-in-lieu account to meet the increased demand for outdoor recreation trail activities in local communities throughout the state. Trail projects are important to local communities, providing safe connections between local schools, businesses, and residential areas, and serve as a great example of how local communities are seeking to expand outdoor recreation and alternative transportation opportunities.

Local trail grants also leverage local funds in the development of an outdoor recreation infrastructure throughout Minnesota. Trail grants provide matching grants to local units of government for acquisition and development of trails and trail connections to residential areas, schools, workplaces, community centers, recreation areas, parks, and other trails.

Major program elements

This program provides grants to local units of government to promote relatively short trail connections between where people live and desirable locations, not to develop significant new trails. This program is established in M.S. 85.019.

Priority-setting

The Local Trails Grant program is a competitive grant program. Priority for trail project funding will be given to projects that connect communities, trails, and parks and thereby increase the effective length of trail experiences. Significant considerations also include trail length, expected use, resource quality, and attractiveness.

Project locations

Grant request proposals are submitted by local units of government from around the state.

Key measures and outcomes

This program seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

- Fund approximately 2-4 additional trail grant requests annually; and
- Move towards meeting the growing demand of local communities for trail grants.

Financial Implications

The FY 2011 budget for this activity is \$705,000. The requested annual appropriation increase of \$100,000 is a 14 percent increase.

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