



**MEMORANDUM**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING**  
**March 17th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

**TO: City Council**

**FROM: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager**

**SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the MNRTF Grant Application for the Blue Star Pathway Project**

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I am respectfully requesting your approval of the attached resolution authorizing the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant application for the Blue Star Pathway project. This grant would support the development of 0.6 miles of non-motorized trail, enhancing pedestrian and cyclist connectivity within the City of the Village of Douglas.

The proposed project aligns with the City's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan and would leverage funding from a pending MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in the amount of \$491,700 as the required local match. If awarded, the MNRTF grant would provide an additional \$215,000, covering the remaining costs for a total project investment of \$706,700.

Your approval of this resolution will allow the City to move forward with the grant application process, positioning us for critical funding to enhance our non-motorized infrastructure. I appreciate your consideration and support for this initiative.

***Requested Action:*** Approval of the resolution authorizing the submission of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application.