



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Independence Park Bike Trail Project - Approve Resolution of Support to Apply for Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant
Background Information:	<p>Staff are seeking approval to apply for grant funds through the DNR via the Outdoor Recreation Grant to use towards the replacement of the bike trails at Independence Park.</p> <p>The existing trails were installed in the late 1980's and into the 1990's and are in dire need of replacement. Currently, the Parks Department has approximately \$65,000 in the budget for bike trail maintenance but due to the size of this project using annual maintenance funds for replacement will not be effective and efficient.</p> <p>The Outdoor Recreation Grant provides 50% matching funds up to a maximum amount of \$250,000 for awarded projects. Grants are due by March 31st and will be awarded by mid-summer with a deadline to use the funds of June 2023.</p> <p>The project would consist of removal of existing trail, installation of proper base material, installation of concrete paths, and grading to meet ADA standards.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	Depending on the timing, staff is recommending use of reserves if expended in 2021 and consideration of bonding if expended beyond 2021.
Alternative/ Variations:	N/A
Recommendations:	Approve resolution of support to apply for Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant