



## STAFF REPORT

DATE: 9/21/2021

### **CONSENT MOTION**

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Marty Powers, Public Works Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** Sunfish Lake Park Cross Country Trail Grooming Grant

**REVIEWED BY:** Kristina Handt, City Administrator

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### **BACKGROUND:**

For the past several years, the City has been a participant in the Cross Country Ski Trail Assistance Program sponsored by the Minnesota DNR. This program allows for reimbursement of costs related to maintaining the ski trails in the forms of fall trail maintenance and winter trail grooming. The proposed application would cover the 2021/2022 ski season in Sunfish Lake Park.

### **ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Should the city pursue submission of a grant application for Cross Country Trail Grooming Reimbursement at Sunfish Lake Park?

### **PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:**

Each year the City of Lake Elmo has participated in the Cross Country Ski Trail Assistance Program for the trail system in Sunfish Lake Park. The fund allocations are driven by the number of participants in the program and the number of trail miles being maintained. The city has consistently received \$4,000-\$4,500 per year in grant funds to cover a portion of the costs related to the Cross Country Ski Trail maintenance in Sunfish Lake Park. These funds are used to help offset the cost of fall trail preparations and the cost of grooming throughout the winter months. A requirement of the application process is to attach a resolution providing City Council approval to sponsor the participation in the program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

- If awarded, the city could receive approximately \$4,000 to \$4,500 to help offset the cost of trail maintenance.

### **OPTIONS:**

- Approve participation in Cross Country Trail Grooming Grant
- Deny participation in Cross Country Trail Grooming Grant
- Table for future discussion

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

***“Motion to approve Resolution 2021-101 to approve grant submission to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Cross Country Ski Trail Grant-In-Aid Program.”***

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution
- Grant Application

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-101**

**A RESOLUTION RELATED TO  
SPONSORING THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
PARTICIPATION IN THE  
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAIL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM  
FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo, Minnesota, that the City of Lake Elmo will sponsor the City participation in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Cross-Country ski Trail Grant-In-Aid Program for the 2021-2022 Ski Season.

APPROVED by the lake Elmo City Council on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Cadenhead  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julie Johnson  
City Clerk



**MINNESOTA CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAIL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM  
MAINTENANCE AND GROOMING APPLICATION**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Trail Name: <b>Sunfish Lake Park Country Ski Trail</b>		Base Ski GIA Grant Amount: <b>\$4064.00</b>
Trail Association or Club Name (if applicable): <b>City of Lake Elmo</b>		Miles of Trail in GIA Program: <b>5.5 Miles</b>
Trail Administrator Name: <b>Marty Powers</b>	Trail Administrator Email: <a href="mailto:mpowers@lakeelmo.org">mpowers@lakeelmo.org</a>	Trail Administrator Phone: <b>651-747-3941</b>
Trail Administrator/Association Mailing Address (Street, Box Number, City, State, and Zip Code): <b>3880 Laverne Ave N, Suite 100, Lake Elmo MN, 55042</b>		
Trail Administrator Signature: <i>Marty Powers</i>		Trail Administrator Signed Date: <b>9/13/2021</b>

**UNIT OF GOVERNMENT/SPONSOR APPROVAL**

Unit of Government Sponsor: <b>City of Lake Elmo</b>	Sponsor Email: <a href="mailto:mpowers@lakeelmo.org">mpowers@lakeelmo.org</a>	Sponsor Phone: <b>651-747-3941</b>
Authorized Representative of Sponsor Name: <b>Marty Powers</b>	Authorized Representative of Sponsor Title: <b>Director of Public Works</b>	
Sponsor Mailing Address (Street, Box Number, City, State, and Zip Code): <b>3880 Laverne Ave N, Suite 100, Lake Elmo, MN 55042</b>		
Sponsor Signature: <i>Marty Powers</i>		Sponsor Signed Date: <b>9/13/2021</b>

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

	Final Grooming Request for Reimbursement from Previous Year
	Local Unit of Government/Sponsor Resolution
	Map of Ski GIA Trail
	Sign Order (if applicable)

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES APPROVAL OF APPLICATION**

Parks and Trails Area Supervisor Signature:	Signed Date:
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