

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Dusty Rodiek Parks & Recreation Director

**Council Meeting:** March 23, 2021

**Subject:** Resolution for Recreational Trails Fund Grant Application

**Person(s) Responsible:** Dusty Rodiek, Parks & Recreation Director  
Darren Hoff, Recreation Manager

## **Summary:**

This Resolution provides the support required to complete a Recreational Trails Fund (RTF) Grant Application. This would allow funding at an 80/20 grant match level to develop an extension to the Hike/Bike Trail south of the Prairie Hills Development. Grant match funding was identified in the 2021 Budget.

## **Background:**

The Recreational Trails Fund (RTF) is a federal grant program administered through South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks. RTF provides grant funding for recreational trail projects in South Dakota. Eligible projects may include funding for trail maintenance or new trail development. The grant application deadline is April 15, 2021.

The City of Brookings has not received RTF funds in the last 10 years.

## **Item Details:**

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department desires to utilize Recreational Trail Grant funding at the 80/20 grant match level to develop an extension to the Hike/Bike trail south of the Prairie Hills Development. The total project budget is anticipated to be \$132,000 and would be completed in 2022 if grant funding and a 404 Permit is approved.

This trail section is identified in the Bike Master Plan and would connect to the existing paths of the Prairie Hills development. The easement acquisition is in process. Additionally, this section is part of the link to connect the Bike/Hike Trail to Dakota Prairie Elementary School.

Operational cost impacts would increase slightly with the required maintenance of a short boardwalk section over the wetland area.

## **Legal Consideration:**

None.

**Strategic Plan Consideration:**

This trail section is identified in the Bike Master Plan and would connect to the existing paths of the Prairie Hills development.

**Financial Consideration:**

The project would be financed through the Recreational Trails Fund grant program and the City of Brookings. The City would be responsible for 20% of the project cost or \$26,400 based on the current estimated budget. Grant match funding was identified in the 2021 Budget.

**Options and Recommendation:**

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move to a Study Session
5. Do nothing

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

**Supporting Documentation:**

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Resolution

Map