

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. _____

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 9, 2018

Title Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the statewide Transportation Alternatives program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)	\$ 196,574
UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management)	\$ 479,510
Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 80,000
Total	\$ 756,084

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed.

		Vote	Aye	Nay	Pass
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**STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES
PROGRAM (TAP)**

Application Summary and Funding Proposal

DECEMBER 2017 FUNDING CYCLE

Available Funding

Statewide TAP Estimated FY 2017 Appropriation: \$10,764,227

- \$1,374,817 set aside for Federal Recreational Trails.
- Half (\$4,694,705) reserved for local projects, half stays at the state level.
- The set-aside for Statewide TAP is \$1,000,000
- Remaining \$3,694,705 of state level funding reserved for local projects such as:
 - Transportation Alternatives Program
 - Highway
 - Bridge
 - Transit

Application Summary

Total number of projects = 6

Total project costs = \$5,710,230

Total requested amount = \$3,800,818

Recommendation Summary

Statewide TAP Projects: \$756,084

Funding Proposal – Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program

Staff recommends the following projects be approved for Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program funding:

No.	Project Name	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
1.	Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)	\$196,574	\$196,574
2.	UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management)	\$479,510	\$676,084
3.	Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 80,000	\$756,084
4.	First Bridge - Phase 1 (River Action)		
5.	Shelby County Comprehensive Trails Project Phase I - Ballpark to Ballpark Trail (Shelby County)		
6.	Underwood Trail: Railroad-Highway Project (Underwood)		

1. **Project Name:** **Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership**

Sponsor: Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments
Contact: Kevin Blanshan, Executive Director
229 E. Park Avenue
Waterloo, IA 50703

CoSponsor: Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission
Contact: Rachelle Howe, Executive Director
325 Washington Street
Decorah, IA 52101

Description: The Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership is a comprehensive program that assists communities with implementing Safe Routes to School initiatives and recruits new communities to participate. The partnership will continue to provide pedestrian and bicycle safety education through encouragement activities both in the classroom and outside the classroom. A focus of the partnership is to increase the number of students walking and biking to and from school using skills learned from Safe Routes to School programming. Finally, the Safe Routes to School Partnership will work to improve infrastructure needs around schools by working with city planning efforts to improve walkways and bikeways.

Total Cost: \$245,718
Requested Amount: \$196,574 (80%)

2. **Project Name:** **UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management**

Sponsor: University of Northern Iowa
Contact: Tolib Hunt, Director, Research and Sponsored Programs
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
213 E. Barlett Hall
Cedar Falls, IA 50614

CoSponsor: UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management
Contact: Kristine Nemecek, IRVM Program Manager
2412 W 27th Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50614

Description: Native grass and wildflower seed to be planted in county road or city (if population is >10,000) rights-of-way. This allows counties and cities that apply Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management to more cost effectively establish native roadside vegetation for habitat, biodiversity, erosion control and improved hydrology across Iowa's Landscape.

Total Cost: \$ 647,818
Requested Amount: \$ 479,510 (74%)

3. Project Name: Urban Youth Corps

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation
Contact: Stacy Lentsch

Description: This program offers meaningful, full-time work for individuals between the ages of 16 and 25 in a transportation setting, who face barriers to employment. It give participants a mix of work experience, basic and life skills, education, training and support services. It also provides participants with the opportunity to develop citizenship values and skills through service to their communities and the United States.

Total Cost: \$100,000
Requested Amount: \$ 80,000 (80%)

4. Project Name: First Bridge – Phase I North

Sponsor: City of Davenport
Contact: Frank Klipsch, Mayor
226 West 4th Street
Davenport, IA 52801

CoSponsor: River Action, Inc.
Contact: Kathy Wine, Executive Director
822 E River Drive
Davenport, IA 52803

Description: Phase I North will build the substructure for First Bridge (a pedestrian and bicycle bridge) on the north side of U.S. 67/River Drive on the original bridge berm. It will feature native limestone facing and preserve an original rail clearly visible from street level. Securing critical leadership funding for shovel-ready Phase I North will act as a catalyst to raise the remaining funds for future phases. The full scope of the multiphase plan will replicate one span of the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi River. It will stop short of the river but will cross an active rail line and four-lane U.S. 67 to access River Heritage Park, connect to the American Discovery and Mississippi River Trails to the south and to sidewalks and bicycle route to the north.

Total Cost: \$714,870
Requested Amount: \$251,375 (35%)

5. Project Name: Shelby County Comprehensive Trails Project Phase I – Ballpark to Ballpark Trail

Sponsor: Shelby County
Contact: Steve Kenkel, Chairman
Shelby County Board of Supervisors
612 Court Street
Harlan, IA 51537

Description: Construct a multi-use paved recreational trail between Panama and Portsmouth accessible to special needs persons, bicycles, walkers, joggers, and the elderly. This trail will be constructed in the state right-of-way, west of Highway 191 and offers a safe alternative transportation route for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Total Cost: \$3,046,856
Requested Amount: \$2,437,484 (80%)

6. Project Name: Underwood Trail: Railroad-Highway Project

Sponsor: City of Underwood
Contact: Jill Willard
PO Box 40
Underwood, IA 51576

Description: The project will provide a link and public access to the county-wide trail system that is planned from Council Bluffs to Neola. The project will be about 1.6 miles in length and will provide local residents a safe way to walk/ride along the highway. Most importantly, Underwood's project will connect riders to miles of trail systems providing a healthier community.

Total Cost: \$474,500
Requested Amount: \$355,875 (75%)