



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**99-044**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

FEBRUARY 1, 1999

Authorize the Mayor to sign a Recreation Infrastructure Grant Agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), for Phase II of the Inter Urban Trail. In August 1999, the City applied for a Recreation Infrastructure Grant, and was successful in receiving funds totaling \$100,000.

**SUBJECT:**

RECREATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
GRANT AGREEMENT  
FOR PHASE II -  
INTER URBAN TRAIL

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The estimated cost for Phase II of the Inter Urban Trail is \$450,000. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has awarded Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) funds in the amount of \$192,635, and the pending Recreation Infrastructure Grant is \$100,000. The balance of \$157,365 will be funded from the 1998-99 Capital Improvement Program, Bike Trails project, account 404541, page 207.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

DONALD TRIPP  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

**Authorize the Mayor to approve an agreement with the State of Iowa, Department of Natural Resources, for funding toward Phase II of the Inter Urban Trail project.**

**BACKGROUND -**

On September 23, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-3347, City Council approved a modification to ISTEA funding for the Inter Urban Trail that divided the project into two phases. Additional funding was secured from the MPO at that time to continue to construct Phase II. On March 23, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-912, City Council approved ISTEA funding for Phase II Inter Urban Trail. On August 24, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-2698, City Council directed staff to submit a grant

application to IDNR for a Recreation Infrastructure grant.

The City was awarded a grant from IDNR in the amount of \$100,000 to complete Phase II of the Inter Urban Trail. Phase II begins at M.L. King, Jr. Parkway and Urbandale Avenue and connects into the John "Pat" Dorrian Trail on the east side of the Des Moines River. This project restores an abandoned railroad bridge, which is now owned by the City. The Legal Department has reviewed the agreement and the content of the contract has been approved. Once the agreement has been signed, funding for the project will be available to begin the bidding and contracting for the project.

The Inter Urban Trail Phase II project is on schedule to be completed by mid-summer this year. All right-of-way acquisitions/easements are complete and the project has been designed and approved by IDOT, which fulfills ISTEIA requirements. The bid letting is scheduled by IDOT later this spring and construction is scheduled to begin by May. Once finished, this project will complete the 4.5-mile Inter Urban Trail in Des Moines.