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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	37
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	[ _____ ]
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<u>12-201</u>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Donald M. Tripp, Director of Park and Recreation</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and authorizing execution of a River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism Grant Agreement with the Vision Iowa Board for funding toward development of the Des Moines River Trail, Phase 1 and authorizing the City Manager to execute such Grant Agreement and other documents required by the Vision Iowa Board.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval and authorization of execution of River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism (RECAT) Grant Agreement No. 12-RECAT-001 with the Vision Iowa Board for an award of \$113,542 for development of the Des Moines River Trail, Phase 1 and authorization for the City Manager to execute such Grant Agreement and other documents required by the Vision Iowa Board.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$1,946,492 total estimated project cost

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$113,542 RECAT grant
- \$426,526 ICAAP grant
- \$300,000 REAP grant
- \$ 73,474 State Recreational Trails Grant
- \$ 25,000 Polk County Community Development Grant
- \$164,600 multiple private donations
- \$843,350 G.O. Bonds Issued – 2011-2012 CIP, Page Parks-17, Recreation Trails, PKS045

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On April 12, 2010, by Roll Call No. 10-531, the City Council approved the submission of an application to the RECAT Program, which is designed to assist communities in the development and creation of multiple purpose attraction or tourism facilities. Eligible projects create recreational and entertainment attractions that are open to the general public, and relate to, connect with, and enhance a river, lake, or river corridor. The original application requested \$750,750 in funding for the Des Moines River Trail, Phase 1. Since that time, the City has obtained multiple private donations to this project totaling \$164,600 and a Polk County Community Development Grant of \$25,000, which was

contingent upon award of the RECAT grant. On February 13, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-0243, the construction contract for this trail was awarded to Elder Corporation with a contract price \$435,000 less than the engineer's estimate. Therefore, the RECAT funding request was reduced to \$113,542 and on March 14, 2012, the Vision Iowa Board awarded that request in full.

The Des Moines River Trail is the first phase of a major regional trail that will ultimately connect downtown Des Moines to Carlisle and the Summerset Trail south of Carlisle. This 2.5-mile trail phase stretches from the Meredith Trail at the Scott Street Bridge in Downtown Des Moines to the James W. Cownie Soccer and Baseball Parks, following a route along the south side of the Des Moines River. Street connections into adjacent neighborhoods at SE 1st, SE 6th, SE 8th, SE 14th, and SE 22nd Streets facilitate use of the trail by bicycle commuters from Des Moines' south side, as well as recreational riders.

This will be a 10-foot wide asphalt recreational trail. Amenities on this trail will include lighting under bridges, mile markers, way-finding elements, trail signage, and river overlooks. Construction on this trail is underway and is expected to be completed by November 2012.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: February 13, 2012

Roll Call Number: 12-0243

Action: [On](#) Des Moines River Regional Trail – Phase 1: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Elder Corporation (Jared R. Elder II, President), \$1,364,999.99. ([Council Communication No. 12-073](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 9, 2012

Roll Call Number: 12-0015

Action: [Ordering](#) construction of the following: Des Moines River Regional Trail – Phase 1: Receiving of bids, (1-18-12), Setting date of hearing, (2-13-12), Construction estimate, \$1,800,000. ([Council Communication No. 12-010](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion carried 7-0.

Date: April 12, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-531

Action: Submission of \$750,750 grant application to River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism (RECAT) Program for development of Des Moines River Trail, Phase 1. ([Council Communication No. 10-179](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Administration of the RECAT award per the terms of the agreement.

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