
MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor Walker and Councilors
FROM: Heather Brooks, Community Development Manager
SUBJECT: **Resolution Supporting DNR Federal Trails Grant
for Cross Country Ski Trail Groomer**
DATE: February 24, 2022

Background: The City of Princeton offers cross country skiing trails at Pioneer Park. Though we have done a wonderful job with current resources in grooming these trails, a more sufficient opportunity would be to purchase a trail groomer. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources offers a Federal Recreational Trail Program 2022 Equipment Grant that could be used to purchase a cross country ski trail groomer.

Analysis: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources could assist in purchasing a cross country ski trail groomer through the Federal Recreational Trail Program 2022 Equipment Grant. The total cost of the equipment needed is estimated at \$7,883.32 through Tidd Tech out of Wisconsin. Equipment grant requests require a 25% secured match, therefore, the City of Princeton would be responsible for \$1,970.83 and the equipment grant would fund the remaining \$5,912.49. The City of Milaca purchased similar equipment in January 2020 from Tidd Tech and offers high praise of the equipment.

Recommendation: Staff recommend the Council to vote in favor of approving the 25% secured match dollars of \$1,970.83 and for Mayor Walker to sign the Resolution Supporting the DNR Federal Trails Equipment Grant.