Regional Trails Grant Program Report

Purpose
Assists with design, engineering and construction of various types of new trails.

Strategic Plan Alignment
Business Development
Community Development
Workforce Development

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<th>What did we do?</th>
<th>FY18</th>
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<td>Budget</td>
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<th>Key impact measures</th>
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<td>New Trail/Systems</td>
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<td>Improvements to Existing Trail/Systems</td>
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<td># Communities with New or Improved Trails</td>
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What were the results?

**FY19:** Trails have important economic impacts to a rural region. They can attract tourism spending and auxiliary startup businesses such as rental and repair shops. In its inaugural year, the program was well-received and utilized by the region to build new and improve existing trail/systems. Examples of projects included:

- Multi-use trail system connectors: Crosby, Grand Rapids, Cohasset
- Mountain bike skills trail: Ely
- ATV trail collaboration: Prospectors Loop trail, Voyageur Country trail, Quad Cities trail

**FY18:** n/a

Fiscal Year 2019 Awards

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<td>Cook County/Grand Marais EDA</td>
<td>Mountain bike trail construction, trailhead enhancement and signage</td>
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<td>Crosby</td>
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<td>Trail construction, signage and trailhead enhancement</td>
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