

Chief Financial Officer
City of Duluth
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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth hereby assures trail improvements will be maintained for a period of no less than 20 years as required by the Federal Recreational Trail Grant Program.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes application for a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Federal Recreational Trail Program grant for up to \$150,000 for construction of a 2 kilometer connector trail as part of phase II of Grand Avenue Nordic Center construction.

The proposed Grand Avenue Nordic Center will provide a lighted, snowmaking-supported 3.3 kilometer cross-country ski trail loop accessible from the Spirit Mountain Grand Avenue Chalet as well as a 2 kilometer connector trail to 20 kilometers of existing trails at the top of the mountain. The Nordic Center will be a dependable regional and state-wide venue for recreational skiing, youth activities, and high school events.

Phase I focused on the 3.3 km trail system and snowmaking has been posted for bid for anticipated 2018 construction. Phase II will include lighting on the 3.3 km loops and construction of the 2 kilometer connector trail.

The city intends to meet the minimum \$37,500 match requirement via a separate application for state grant funding to be submitted in March.