



Council Agenda Item 25-0897R

MEETING DATE: 11/24/2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A CROSS-COUNTRY SKI GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM GRANT FOR FY2026 WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,650.

SUBMITTED BY: Matt Andrews, Trails Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

24-0450R – Resolution authorizing annual funding application to the cross-country ski trail Grants-in-Aid Assistance Program. The resolution authorized applications for funding annually through December 31, 2027.

24-0864R – Resolution authorizing acceptance of a cross-country ski Grant-in-Aid Assistance Program Grant for FY2025 with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in an amount not to exceed \$12,650.

BACKGROUND: The City of Duluth maintains and grooms a cross-country ski trail system of 26 miles. Through the Grant-in-Aid Assistance Program, the MN Department of Natural Resources provides funding support to awardees based on the number of miles of trail maintained with revenue associated with the Great Minnesota Ski Pass. Skiers must purchase the Ski Pass to use trails in Duluth as is required under this program.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: The Grant-in-Aid program offsets costs of maintaining and grooming cross-country ski trails that would otherwise need to be covered by other City funding sources or a reduction in service.

OPTIONS: Authorize acceptance of the cross-country ski grant-in-aid agreement to secure \$12,650 to support maintenance and grooming of ski trails in winter 2025-2026 or forego authorization to decline the funding and require replacement funding or a reduction in service.

NECESSARY ACTION: Accept the fiscal year 2026 cross-country ski grant-in-aid agreement.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A – Grant Agreement.