



Council Agenda Item 25-0893R

MEETING DATE: 11/24/2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SNOWMOBILE GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM GRANT FOR FY2026 WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,349.30.

SUBMITTED BY: Matt Andrews, Trails Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

24-0960R – 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 \$17,245.10.

24-0451R – Resolution authorizing annual funding application to the snowmobile Grants-in-Aid Assistance Program. The resolution authorized applications for funding annually through December 31, 2027.

BACKGROUND: The City of Duluth has sponsored participation in the Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid Program since 2018 to support maintenance of the City's 33 miles of snowmobile trails. The Drift Toppers Snowmobile Club of Duluth and the Hermantown Night Riders complete trail maintenance and grooming services under separate agreements. A local unit of government must sponsor the snowmobile club's participation, where the City of Duluth accepts the funding under this Program and distributes the funding to clubs based on their successful completion of required activities.

This resolution authorizes acceptance of the fiscal year 2026 snowmobile grant-in-aid program agreement to accept \$17,349.30 in support of snowmobile trail grooming.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: The City of Duluth coordinates with two local snowmobile clubs for maintenance and grooming of snowmobile trails in Duluth. The Grant-in-Aid program offsets costs of maintaining and grooming snowmobile trails by these clubs at no cost to the City. These Grant-in-Aid funds are critical to ongoing operations for these clubs and maintaining the level of service on snowmobile trails.

OPTIONS: Authorize acceptance of the snowmobile grant-in-aid agreement to secure \$17,349.30 to support maintenance and grooming of snowmobile trails in winter 2025-2026 or forego authorization to decline the funding that supports two local snowmobile clubs.

NECESSARY ACTION: Accept the fiscal year 2026 snowmobile grant-in-aid agreement.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A – Grant Agreement.