**CEDAR VALLEY TRAILS PARTNERSHIP**

**2024 GRANT APPLICATION**

The Cedar Valley Trails Partnership, a non-profit volunteer group advocating for the safe and enjoyable use of the Cedar Valley recreational trail system, is inviting applications for financial aid for projects that will further the Partnership’s goals.

**Eligible Projects**

Cedar Valley Trails Partnership grants may be used as matching funds or primary funds for trail projects in Black Hawk and contiguous counties. Eligible projects include those that will:

* Expand or improve the recreational trail system.
* Maintain the trails to the highest obtainable standards of safety, beauty, and utility.
* Promote the trail system as a recreational resource and a vacation and tourism destination.
* Educate trail users in trail etiquette and safe trail use.
* Planning or study projects, and funding for operational staff costs, are not eligible.

Minimum grant: $500 Maximum grant: $4,000

Application deadline: February 29, 2024 Announcement of grant awards: April 15, 2024

**Recognition Stipulation**

Any project funded partially or in whole by the Cedar Valley Trails Partnership must bear the words “Provided by the Cedar Valley Trails Partnership,” or words to that effect. The Partnership shall have final approval of all media releases concerning this grant and of the recognition of this grant as a funding source for the project.

**Grant Decisions**

The Partnership gives higher priority to projects that provide long-term benefits to the Cedar Valley recreational trail system and its users. All requests for funds are voted upon by the board of the Cedar Valley Trails Partnership. Board members who are employed by or otherwise involved with the applicants shall abstain from the vote, though they may participate in the discussion of the applications. The Partnership will send written notice to all applicants informing them of the board’s decision.

**Cedar Valley Trails Partnership Grant Application**

Name of project:

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Name of Organization:

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Project Description

1. Primary project type (choose one):

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| Trail construction or repair |  | Trail enhancement and/or beautification |  |
| Trail-specific maintenance equipment |  | Trail use promotion |  |
| Trail safety promotion |  | Other |  |

Project Costs

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| CVTP Grant requested, Maximum $4,000 |  |
| Total Project Costs |  |
| Other Funding |  |

1. Need being addressed and expected benefits.

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1. Timetable for project. Project must be complete within 24 months of award.

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Mailing Address

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| Organization |  |
| Street |  |
| Street |  |
| City, State, Zip code |  |

Administrator and contact information

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| Name / Title |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Phone Number |  |
| Street |  |
| Street |  |
| City, State, Zip code |  |

Applications will be accepted in electronic or paper format. Electronic applications can be emailed to: trails@cedarvalleytrails.org. Paper applications can be mailed to: Cedar Valley Trails Partnership, ATTN: Partnership Grant Committee, P.O. Box 275, Cedar Falls, IA 50613