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Request For Proposals Issued for Sunflower Trails

The Sunflower Foundation is pleased to announce the 2016 Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the Sunflower Trails program.

The foundation invites municipalities, schools and non-profit organizations to submit proposals for building, enhancing or connecting trails in order to create safe, accessible places for outdoor physical activity and community engagement.

“It is a pleasure to partner with communities on trail projects to encourage physical activity for all ages and abilities,” said Billie Hall, President and CEO of the Sunflower Foundation. “It is wonderful to see trails become hubs of activity in a community, providing opportunities for social interaction and for connecting to nature.”

There are a variety of funding options for potential trail projects. Applicants are invited to review the following RFPs as a first step to determine the best fit for their project.

- **RFP #16-102 – Community-Based New Trails or Trail Expansion.** This RFP is designed for communities seeking to construct a trail at least 1/2 mile long, or expand an existing trail by adding 1/2 mile. Funding is available up to \$55,000, contingent upon project budget and bids. All grants require a \$1 for \$1 match.
- **RFP #16-103 – Community-Based Existing Trail Improvements.** This RFP is designed for communities that wish to improve an existing trail with either safety infrastructure (e.g., bridges), trees for trail shading and/or distance signage. Funding is available up to \$20,000, contingent upon project budget and bids. All grants require a \$1 for \$1 match.
- **RFP #16-104 – Community-Based Trail Connectors.** This RFP is designed for communities seeking to link an existing trail with another trail or key access point (e.g. trailhead, sidewalk) to improve usability. The trail connector may be less than 1/2 mile. Funding is available up to \$30,000, contingent upon project budget and bids. All grants require a \$1 for \$1 match.

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- **RFP #16-105 – School-Based New Trails.** This RFP is designed for public schools K-12 seeking to construct a trail on school property. Option A is for school trails at least 1/4 mile; funding is available up to \$25,000, contingent upon project budget and bids. Option B is for school trails at least 1/2 mile, still on school property but also serving the larger community. Funding is available up to \$55,000, contingent upon project budget and bids. All grants require a \$1 for \$1 match.

For more information on the application process and to download the RFPs and corresponding documents, visit SunflowerFoundation.org/RFPs.

Online applications are due Monday, May 2, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. CST. Funding awards will be announced mid-June.

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The Sunflower Foundation began the Sunflower Trails program in 2005 as a way to help Kansas schools and communities build environments that are supportive of outdoor physical activity for all ages and abilities. Since then, the foundation has partnered in more than 140 trail projects across the state in 55 counties. The mission of the Sunflower Foundation is to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans, which it supports through a program of grants and related activities. Further details about the foundation's programs and grants are available at SunflowerFoundation.org.

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