



**City of Missoula, Montana**  
**Item to be Referred to City Council Committee**

**Committee:** Parks and Conservation  
**Item:** Montana Trail Stewardship Grant  
**Date:** July 23, 2021  
**Sponsor(s):** David Selvage  
**Prepared by:** David Selvage  
**Ward(s) Affected:**  
 Ward 1                       Ward 4  
 Ward 2                       Ward 5  
 Ward 3                       Ward 6  
 All Wards                       N/A

**Action Required:**  
Accept the grant and authorize the Mayor to sign

**Recommended Motion(s):**  
I move the City Council: Accept the Montana Trail Stewardship Grant in the amount of \$50,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

**Timeline:**  
Referral to committee: August 9, 2021  
Committee discussion: August 11, 2021  
Council action (or sets hearing): August 16, 2021  
Public Hearing: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)  
Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**  
Asphalt preservation and replacement in the Missoula Parks and Recreation system is one of the largest (financial) needs identified in the City’s adopted Park Asset Management Plan.

To leverage available funding, the Department submitted an application for the Montana Trail Stewardship Grant (MTSG) program. The grant funds, if accepted, will provide funding for crack sealing and fog seal of major sections of the Milwaukee, Bitterroot, and Grant Creek trails. The project grant and City match funds would provide for repair of approximately 2,000 linear feet of cracks and a fog seal for up to 9.2 miles of existing paved trails. The City’s minimum grant match commitment will be under \$6,000, though \$10K has been budgeted toward the project due to need and price volatility. The City has coordinated with the County to include seal coat treatment for the Grant Creek Trail past the City Limits – this will be done to the extent funds allow.

**Financial Implications:**  
Asphalt is widely utilized for surfacing for not only for primary (Commuter) trails, but also basketball courts, tennis courts, internal park trails, plaza’s, and parking lots. Cyclical maintenance is necessary to maximize the useful life of park asphalt infrastructure – estimated to be about 25 years in our climate.

Funds for the MTSG grant match are identified in the Department's base budget for Park Asset Management. The funding of cyclical maintenance will extend the useful life of trail asphalt by approximately 7 to ten years.

**Links to external websites: None**