

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
Through: **Nathan Burkett, City Manager**  
From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works and Parks Director/City Engineer**  
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## **Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Grant Solicitation**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Active Living Dakota County is currently soliciting applications for the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP). Staff is proposing to request \$30,000 (maximum amount given) to complete an update of the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The current Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was last updated in 2011.

The City has successfully obtained SHIP grants in the past for the following projects:

1. Feasibility study of a multi-use trail on Butler Avenue
2. Feasibility study for the grade separated trail study of the River to River Underpass Project
3. Feasibility study for the Marie/Oakdale Trail Project
4. Feasibility study for the River to River Trail segments through Garlough and Marthaler Parks
5. Development of the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

The grant must be spent in full by October 31, 2022, so staff would immediately begin work on the plan update if awarded the grant.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City will be responsible for 10% of the awarded money, capped at \$3,000. However, City staff time can be counted towards our contribution so it is likely there will be no out of pocket cost to the City.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution supporting the SHIP grant application.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution – SHIP Grant Solicitation