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\$20,000 GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS IN WI

By Marsha Cooper, Wisconsin State Horse Council Trail Chair

Wisconsin State Horse Council Trail Committee is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting trail grant applications from member groups of WSHC. Information can be found at www.wisconsinstatehorsecouncil.org/trail_grants.html. If you do not have access to the web please call the WSHC office at 920-623-0393 and request the application and guidelines.

Grant applications must be received by March 1, 2006 to be included for consideration. The WSHC Trail Committee grants are meant for WI public equestrian trails or shared use trails which include equestrian riding/driving. The grants are awarded in two distinct categories, new trail development and trail improvements, enhancements, or repairs. Trail grant money must be spent in total in the year it is awarded. See the program guidelines for complete information.

For new trail development the maximum is \$3,000 (a new trail must be at least three miles) and for trail improvements, enhancements or repairs the maximum is \$2,000. There is a 50% match requirement and sweat equity has a value of \$15.00 per hour which can be used for the match requirement.

Trail grant money cannot be used for routine trail maintenance, administrative or operating expenses, trails on private property, non-equestrian trails, food for work days, thank you gifts or awards, or liability insurance for volunteers.

Completion reports include a description of the project, location, names of volunteers, pictures with captions, receipts for expenses and the volunteer log sheet all of which is due by February 1 of the year following the award. Completion reports should be sent to the WSHC office, c/o Trail Committee, 132A S. Ludington Street, Columbus, WI 53925.

If you don't have a project in mind for this year, stop and visit with the trail committee at Midwest Horse Fair April 21-23, 2006. WSHC Trails Committee will have a booth in the coliseum and will be very happy to talk with you about your concerns and ideas.

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