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Debrushing Grant-In-Aid Program Application

Project Number

(A project number will be assigned upon approval)

The following affiliated snowmobile club of the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc. is applying for funding of trail debrushing work on the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (SSTS).

Club Information

Club _____ Date _____

Club Address _____

Town, State, Zip Code _____ County _____

Project Information & Description

Project Coordinator: _____ Phone Number: _____

Project Location: _____ Town: _____

Land Ownership: Private Municipal State Federal

Clubs Contract Mileage: _____ Mileage to be Debrushed: _____

Project Description: _____

Estimated Time & Cost

Please Estimate Costs For:

Brush Hog (Pull behind ATV/Tractor): (Hours) _____ \$ _____

Articulated Sidearm Mower: (Hours) _____ \$ _____

TOTALS (Hours) _____ \$ _____

Field Inspection

The outlined trail debrushing project has been reviewed and has been found to be in compliance with the VAST *Guide for the Development of Snowmobile Trails*, latest edition.

County Trails Coordinator: _____ Date: _____

Submit this application, a map showing the exact location of this proposed trail project, copies of necessary permits (if any) and the signed landowner(s) permission statement form(s).

Application must be at the VAST office by June 30th!

Funding will not be approved without the above!!

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This project has been reviewed and has been found to be in compliance with the VAST *Guide for the Development of Snowmobile Trails*, latest edition.

VAST/SSTP Project Number: _____ County: _____

Project Estimated Cost: _____ Funding Allotted: \$ _____

Approved by VAST Trails Administrator: _____ Date: _____



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This agreement is made between the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc. hereinafter called VAST, and

 (Club Name)

hereinafter called the Project Applicant, for the purpose of providing assistance for the development and maintenance of the snowmobile trails detailed in this application.

VAST agrees to reimburse the Project Applicant 100% of the **approved** snowmobile trail project costs or the actual cost, whichever is the lesser of the two, for materials, and leased/rented or contracted equipment necessary to complete the project. Reimbursement will be made upon the completion of the project, final inspection/approval by the County Trails Coordinator and receipt of documentation of actual costs incurred. Donated equipment, materials or services will not be reimbursed.

VAST reserves the right to consider reimbursement or funding from any and all other sources in determining a net figure as the 100% reimbursement amount. Any and all reimbursement or funding available or anticipated, from any source, to offset the cost of the project shall be disclosed to VAST prior to any determination of the project cost. VAST reserves the right to reevaluate its determination of the project cost in the event that funds become available to offset the cost following its initial determination.

All documentation that supports the total cost of the project must be submitted. The Trails Request for Reimbursement form shall be approved by the County Trails Coordinator before the final project paperwork is submitted to the VAST Office.

By signing the Trails Agreement below the Project Applicant acknowledges that:

- A representative from the applying club has attended the most recent VAST Spring Construction Seminar or has reviewed the approved course curriculum, understands it, and will adhere to the information contained within the curriculum while performing this trail project.
- Landowner permission to complete the trail project has been obtained.
- All necessary local, State and Federal permits have been obtained to complete the trail project.
- The trail project meets acceptable standards as outlined in the *VAST Guideline for the Development of Snowmobile Trails*, latest edition.
- All trails are signed according to the *VAST Guideline for Snowmobile Trail Signing and Placement*, latest edition.
- None of the requests for reimbursement are fraudulent in any way and that all expenses being reimbursed have been paid by the Project Applicant.
- The trail will be open for use by VAST members for the upcoming snowmobile season.

Trail projects must be completed and all necessary paperwork must be submitted by December 15th of the application year. All projects not completed by December 15th of each year may be carried over. Extensions should be requested in writing to the VAST Trails Administrator prior to December 15th.

By: _____
 (Project Director) (Date) (Printed Name)

By: _____
 (VAST Trails Administrator) (Date) (Printed Name)



1. Local clubs are responsible for maintaining the trails within their area. It is the intent of this policy to assist local club volunteers by providing grants that will allow clubs to hire individuals, or contractors to complete planned woody brush and limb removal. Trails must be corridor trails that are part of the SSTS and be shown on the current VAST map. This policy does not include routine removal of blow downs.
2. Grants for debrushing by a contractor or individual with brush hog, or side arm type equipment are authorized on existing VAST trails to the extent that funds budgeted for this purpose allow.
3. Grants for debrushing will be made to clubs only.
4. Applications for debrushing must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined for trail construction. The application deadline is **June 30th**.
5. Reimbursement for debrushing will be made at the following rates according to the type of equipment used to debrush the trails:
 - **\$45/hour** for mechanized equipment that is towed by a tractor or ATV. This classification is for brush hog and other types of mowers.
 - **\$65/hour** for a tractor with a side arm mower or another type of attachment capable of removing overhead limbs and woody brush.
6. There shall be no reimbursement for debrushing completed with handheld equipment except where mandated by the USDA Forest Service or the State of Vermont. This work will be reimbursed at **\$25/hour** as approved by the VAST Trails Administrator.
7. All debrushing for which a grant is received must be completed in accordance with the standards in the VAST *Guide for the Development of Snowmobile Trails*, latest edition.
8. Clubs or grooming contractors responsible for the area may be reimbursed for up to 1/3 of the mileage within their area of responsibility each year. The County Trails Coordinator and the VAST Trails Administrator will determine club mileages. Payments will not be made until the Trails Coordinator has verified the debrushing is completed. Donated equipment, materials or services will not be reimbursed.
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