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Rescue Equipment Grant-In-Aid Application

Statewide Snowmobile Trails Program (SSTP)

Rescue Equipment Grant-in-Aid Criteria

Club Name _____ **Equipment Grant Number** *(Assigned by VAST staff after application is submitted):* _____

Application Date:

Where is the equipment being purchased from?
 New Used

Club Address:

Manufacturer:

 Private Sale:

Equipment to Purchase

Power Unit:

Make

Model

Year

Serial No.

Purchase Price: \$
Trade Value: \$
Grants/Other Funding *(See #5)* \$
Net Purchase Price:

(Grant Amount Based On) \$

Please outline the Club/County rescue plan and include location of rescue equipment maintenance. Also include the name of the Emergency Response service(s) or organization that is being assisted by this grant. *(If you need more space, attach a copy of the plan with this application)*

Rescue Unit/Sled:

Make

Model

Year

Serial No.

Purchase Price: \$
Trade Value: \$
Grants/Other Funding: \$
Net Purchase Price:

(Grant Amount Based On) \$

Signatures

Club:

 Signed

 Date

Designated Emergency Response Service or Organization:
 Signed

 Date

The designated agent for the club, along with a designated agent of the organization being assisted, will be asked to sign the application, and will be responsible to VAST for the accuracy of the information submitted on the grant application. If information contained within the submitted and signed application is found to be false/inaccurate the grant will be denied/revoked upon discretion of the VAST Trails Administrator.

Are there other funding sources that will be applied towards the purchase?: Yes No *If yes, please indicate source and amount:*

VAST Trails Administrator:

 Signed

 Date



3. Rescue Equipment Grant-In-Aid (Revised 1/16)

a. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to financially aid those county clubs or local clubs in the purchase of up-to-date rescue equipment to be used in emergencies related to snowmobiling, or any other cause that would necessitate this type of equipment. Clubs shall make this available to communities, local rescue squads, state/local police departments and emergency response services and other membership clubs and organizations for the reasons stated above.

All counties should have at least one unit standing ready.

Remember that the purchase of the necessary equipment is only one component of rescue readiness. A comprehensive plan including location of equipment manager (responsible for maintenance and repair), a network of club/rescue personnel available to respond in cases of emergency and communications systems should be in place prior or in conjunction with equipment purchase. An outline of this plan will be a requirement for receiving grant-in-aid monies.

b. Application Procedure

1. The VAST Club should apply for the rescue grant-in-aid and must submit a Rescue Equipment Grant-in-Aid Application to the VAST Office by June 1st.

The application should include information regarding sources of funding for the purchase, whether the funding is coming through the club or the organization the club is assisting with the grant. If grants have been applied for, or will be applied for, information regarding them shall be appended to the application. If loans have been applied for, all information regarding them should be included with the application. If the financial position of the applicant (club and/or organization being assisted) changes after submission of the application, the application shall be amended to reflect the change. When VAST acts to review the application, it should be fully informed regarding all financial circumstances surrounding the proposed purchase. Upon approval of the grant request, the payment will be made directly to the club applying for the grant-in-aid upon proof of payment. The club should submit the application and disperse the grant-in-aid money to the organization they are assisting upon final approval and receipt of the grant.

- a.) If grants have been applied for, by either the club or the organization being assisted, a description of the grant, the amount, and the proposed date of notification of approval shall be provided to the Trails Administrator. The applying club or organization being assisted shall provide a signed authorization for release of information to VAST which will disclose all grant information as part of the grant application process and prior to any grant funds being released.
- b.) VAST grant funds shall not be applied towards grant writing fees or any other pre or post administrative grant costs.

c.) If a grant or other source of funding is secured by the club or the organization being assisted after approval, or receipt of the VAST grant, VAST reserves the right to reevaluate the VAST portion of the grant and act upon the decision accordingly.

d.) The designated agent for the club, along with a designated agent of the organization being assisted, will be asked to sign the application, and will be responsible to VAST for the accuracy of the information submitted on the grant application. If information contained within the submitted and signed application is found to be false/inaccurate the grant will be denied/revoked upon discretion of the VAST Trails Administrator.

2. The rescue sled by itself is only one component of the total package. Necessary applications may include the purchase of a power unit with the cost of the rescue sled. Power units currently approved for grant-in-aid under the Equipment Policy, Class 4 power units will qualify for this purpose. Further, mobility is essential for a fast response to emergencies, therefore a trailer may also be part of the grant-in-aid application. This is a one-time purchase and should be looked at as a total package.

3. Grant-in-aid may be 50% of the net purchase price not to exceed a maximum of \$10,000.

Net purchase price means the total paid for the rescue equipment after deducting the value of any trade-ins, credits, discounts, incentives, grants (whether received or pending). All amounts of potential funding shall be clearly disclosed by the applicant prior to the release of any grant in aid funding by VAST

4. Grant-in-aid liens will be placed on all equipment and repayment will be five years.

a.) Provided, however, that in the event that the owner proposes to sell equipment purchased with the benefit of any of the listed grant in aid programs prior the expected useful life of the equipment, VAST shall have the Right of First Refusal to purchase the equipment on the same terms as are proposed for the sale or transfer by the owner. VAST shall have thirty days from the written notification to VAST by the owner of the proposed transfer, and the terms of the proposed sale. VAST shall have the right to deduct the prorated amount of the grant remaining from the price paid by it under this Right of First Refusal.

b.) In the event that any equipment which was purchased with the use of funds from or through any VAST program is proposed to be sold or traded the VAST Trails Administrator shall be notified and shall be given any and all information requested regarding the proposed transfer.

c.) A Release signed by the VAST Trails Administrator and VAST Executive Director shall be required in order to release VASTS interests in any equipment being sold or transferred for which Grant-in-Aid funding was received in which a lien still applies.