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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

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Robert Bower
Scituate Land Trust
195 Danielson Pike, P.O. Box 328
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RE: 2021 DEM Recreation Trail Grant Application: Trail Heads - \$99,533

Dear Mr. Bower:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, I am pleased to announce that your grant application Trail Heads has been selected to receive a DEM Recreational Trail Grant in the amount of \$99,533. Congratulations on your award!

Competition for this grant round was very strong and your project was considered exceptional! We received 34 applications requesting over \$2.2 million dollars to support trail -based recreation throughout the state. The COVID-19 health crisis has refocused the importance of local outdoor recreation and its impact on our wellbeing.

Please note that this announcement is embargoed. Grant awards are expected to be announced later this month. Until that time, please do not share this information with the media or anyone outside your confidential team.

DEM staff will contact you with more information regarding grant agreements and next steps. Note that projects may not commence until after grant agreements are executed and a state purchase order has been issued. DEM will notify you when the grant agreement becomes effective. Remember that all awards are subject to local and state permitting requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Gregg Cassidy at 222.4700, Ext. 74310 or gregg.cassidy@dem.ri.gov.

Thank you for all your hard work and efforts in supporting outdoor recreation in Rhode Island!

Sincerely,

Terrence Gray, Acting Director

cc: Michelle Sheehan, Megan DiPrete