

# Elmer G Biddick

## CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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### GRANT APPLICATION

**\*Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below**

**Due Dates April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Date: January 19, 2017

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Wisconsin River Trail

Organization (WRTO)

Address 125 Vista Place

City, State, Zip Boscobel, WI 53805

Phone 507-269-2666

Person Responsible for the Grant Denise Fisher

Position in the Organization Co-Director

Organization's Purpose We will preserve the beauty of the Wisconsin River Trail through the acquisition and development and maintenance of the Trail for conservation, in order to promote an environment of health and wellness.

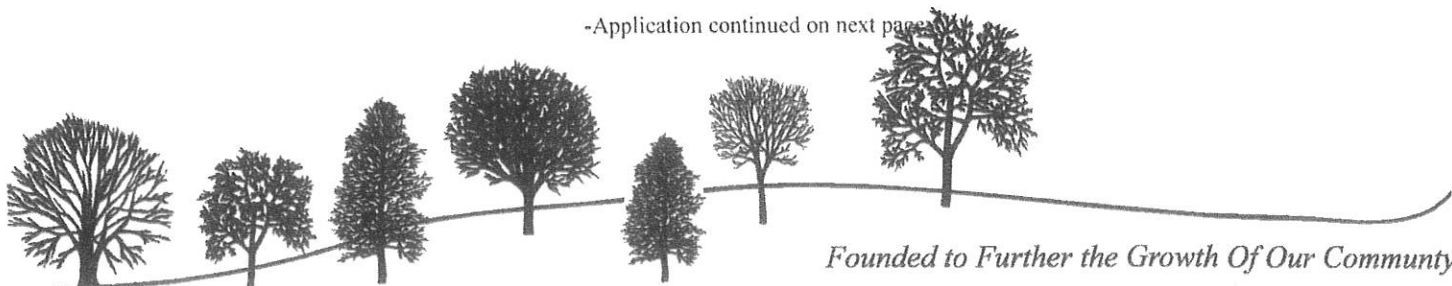
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 5000

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

See attached p. 2

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Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.

Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

- A. Supporting information.
  - 1. Specific use of grant.
  - 2. Time schedule.
  - 3. Other sources of funding.
  - 4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.
  - 5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.
  
- B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

*See attached - p. 2*

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

**PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:**

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Phone (608) 943-6363  
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Dear Elmer G. Biddick Foundation:

January 19, 2017

My name is Denise Fisher and I am a co-director of my dream, the Wisconsin River Trail Organization. As a board of eight, we are creating a 26-mile hiking/biking trail in the Boscobel/Woodman/Wauzeka area. I'm not, per se, an avid bicyclist, but I am an advocate of my hometown community, and, due to other circumstances, am not able to live there. It is the place that I truly call home, where I know everyone and they know me, when someone is sick, there's a friend at the door with a meal, and when there is a child that goes without, we try to help in any way that we can.

I grew up poor. My dad had heart problems. I saw a better life for myself, and put myself through college...while pregnant. When I received my nursing degree from the SWTC, my dad cried. He passed away the very next year. I worked at the hospital in Boscobel and have had so many mentors in my job and in my life from people in my hometown that care. I want to give back and help other kids to see their true potential. I know a biking/hiking trail seems like a strange way, but here is my thought.

Boscobel is no longer going to capture big industries to make it flourish. We are a beautiful, driftless area that has the most breathtaking scenery that we locals take for granted. It is our natural resources that could be the game changer in our community. We want to remain small, quaint, and tight-knit, but we are also willing to share our town with positive, active people that will enjoy our community and return frequently to enjoy our piece of heaven.

Phase 1 of our trail is finished, and phase 2A will service an entire trailer park community approximately 3 ½ miles out of town. Once our 4-phase trail is complete, it will be a one-of-a-kind trail that will bring tourists from all over the United States.

Someone had a dream for Wisconsin Dells, Mt. Rushmore, TreLay and RR1 Popcorn, and I have a dream for Boscobel and our region. My goal is to teach others to stop saying "We can't", and start saying "Why can't we?" I hope you feel our goals are worthy.

Thank You,

Denise Fisher

[www.wirivertrail.org](http://www.wirivertrail.org)

Facebook Page-Wisconsin River Trail Organization

507-269-2606

This grant is requested to assist in paying for a portion of the engineering costs for our Phase 2A hiking/biking trail from the western edge of Boscobel, behind Dairy Queen, following Borden Road, out to Highway 133 West, ending (for now) at Cozy Acres Trailer Park, where there are 125 residents, as well as three other low-income apartment complexes on the route. We will be applying for a \$1.3 million dollar Department of Transportation (DOT) grant, which will cover 80% of the costs, and will need to match the other 20%, or \$300,000 by the year 2018 when construction can begin. Last year we applied for this DOT grant, and were ranked #35 in the state, with the first 33 being accepted. After speaking to the grant specialist, we were assured that if we apply the exact same grant application again in January of 2018, we could plan on receiving the grant!

#### Supporting Information:

This grant will be used to complete the engineering required for the DOT grant. We continue to work to get our plans up to 85% completion by the grant application deadline in January of 2018.

The time schedule: Construction can begin in summer of 2018 as soon as the award of the DOT grant is presented. The project must be completed within a 2 year time span.

Other sources of funding: The city of Boscobel matched labor and equipment for phase 1. The WRTO funded \$60,000 of the \$250,000 local cost. With phase 2A, we are working on an agreement between Grant County, city of Boscobel, and the WRTO to help fund the trail, as well as other grants through the Department of Natural Resources and other smaller grants.

The Effect of Postponing: We need the community and region to believe in us, and, while postponing the award of any grant does not hurt construction in the near future, **advertising** the support of a company that is our next door neighbor will show those that need encouragement to donate themselves, whether it would be business or private donations, that others are watching and supporting our efforts, and will benefit as a region by completing the trail in phases. Your backing supports our inner strength, and makes believers out of non-believers in our area.

Who/What/When/Where: The effects of your grant would be felt immediately as others would, as stated above, see your belief and support of our efforts. Ultimately, this trail will be used to support so many other facets of our community. The trail will support the community through tourism and economic development, financially, physically, socially, and spiritually. The local library is working on creating a cell phone app to show the trail users what endangered species or natural habitat that they are looking at as they slow down to view the breathtaking scenery. We will be sponsoring field trips with the schools, WALKING field trips that will open our children's eyes to what lies directly beneath the surface. Our cross country and track team have a desire to use our trails as well. Separately, our community will never leave a significant inheritance to any of our families, but together, we can create a trail like no other, a trail that can only be built upon, and a trail that will be a life legacy to future generations, an inheritance trail.

#### History, Activities, Services, and Composition:

The WRTO formed in April of 2014, a dedicated group of six with about ten extra volunteers. We set out to become a 501(c)(3) organization and filed our first grant in April of 2015. After receiving the grant and with the assistance of the City of Boscobel, we have constructed phase 1 to the Von Haden Boat Landing, creating a safe and beautiful passageway for our community and our visitors. Phase 2A heads west of town on Borden Road to Cozy Acres Trail Park, 3 ½ miles out of town. Phase 2B resumes at Cozy Acres Trailer Park and ends in Woodman, phase 3 goes from Boscobel on the north end of the bridge to Wauzeka, and phase 4 will cross the Wisconsin River where there are no roads. We realize this is a daunting task, but as a linear trail is built upon, it will only be an asset to our communities. As interest and funding grow, we will continue to create a trail like no other trail exists, with outdoor activists traveling to enjoy our rural region.

Yearly activities that we sponsor include: Horse-drawn sleigh ride in the park (Feb), Bike Safety class at the elementary school, Welcome Home Chicken BBQ (July 3<sup>rd</sup>, feeding 700), Taste of Boscobel (Sept), and Hiking/Biking Banquet (Nov), which raised \$35,000 this year in one evening! In previous years we have held a circus in town, participated in the farmer's markets, had a Brewers field trip, and held paint nights for adults and children. We also have a team of children, the Trailblazers, that volunteer for different events we may sponsor. As they volunteer, the child that volunteers the most (for any effort, not just the WRTO) during their school years will be awarded a special award/scholarship as a senior.

The Biddick Foundation encourages the arts, and while it may seem that we are on the opposite pole, I beg to differ. I am including a photo of a picture I took on my first walk on phase 1 of our trail. Art is all around us, and teaching kids to look up and out and see/feel the beauty is so important to their mental and emotional health and wellness.

Our children are our priority, and leading by example is important to us. You can't change the world if you don't start in your own community, and believe in each other and what we stand for. The Biddick Foundation was founded to further the growth of our community. We hope that you see how we do contribute to the welfare of the people in our community. While we ask for \$5000, any grant award in any dollar amount you might spare, will be used, 100%, to help get, not only a child, but a family, out from in front of the TV or video game, to interact, to be happy and health, and enjoy what our nature has to offer.

The WRTO Board would like to thank you for your time in reading our application. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions.

**Wisconsin River Trail Phase 2A**  
**Cost Estimate**  
**US 61/Elm Street to River View Lane**

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Estimated Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<b><u>Hummel Avenue to Borden Road R/R Crossing</u></b>		<b>5900 FT</b>		
Excavation Common	CY	5300	\$ 12.00	\$ 63,600.00
Base Aggregate Dense	CY	2500	\$ 22.00	\$ 55,000.00
Storm Sewer	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Asphaltic Surface - 10 ft width	TON	1100	\$ 125.00	\$ 137,500.00
Curb and Gutter, 30" Type D	LF	200	\$ 13.00	\$ 2,600.00
6" Concrete Sidewalk - 8ft width	SF	1500	\$ 4.50	\$ 6,750.00
Detectable Warrign Fields	SF	48	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,400.00
Landscaping Items	SY	10000	\$ 4.00	\$ 40,000.00
Miscellaneous	LS	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
			Subtotal:	\$ 382,850.00

<b><u>Borden Road R/R Crossing to STH 133</u></b>		<b>1200 FT</b>		
Excavation Common	CY	700	\$ 12.00	\$ 8,400.00
Base Aggregate Dense	CY	700	\$ 22.00	\$ 15,400.00
Asphaltic Surface - 10 ft width	TON	200	\$ 125.00	\$ 25,000.00
Curb and Gutter, 30" Type D	LF	200	\$ 13.00	\$ 2,600.00
6" Concrete Sidewalk - 8ft width	SF	1000	\$ 4.50	\$ 4,500.00
Detectable Warrign Fields	SF	32	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,600.00
Landscaping Items	SY	1600	\$ 4.00	\$ 6,400.00
WSOR Railroad Crossing	LS	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Miscellaneous	LS	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
			Subtotal:	\$ 103,900.00

<b><u>STH 133 to River View Lane</u></b>		<b>7600 FT</b>		
Excavation Common	CY	10500	\$ 12.00	\$ 126,000.00
Base Aggregate Dense	CY	4100	\$ 22.00	\$ 90,200.00
Asphaltic Surface - 10 ft width	TON	1400	\$ 125.00	\$ 175,000.00
Curb and Gutter, 30" Type D	LF	2500	\$ 13.00	\$ 32,500.00
6" Concrete Sidewalk - 8ft width	SF	1000	\$ 4.50	\$ 4,500.00
MGS Guardrail	LF	2000	\$ 15.00	\$ 30,000.00
MGS EAT	Each	4	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Landscaping Items	SY	15000	\$ 4.00	\$ 60,000.00
Bridge Extension or New Structure	SF	1800	\$ 155.00	\$ 279,000.00
Culvert Exrension - 72" Twin	LF	100	\$ 250.00	\$ 25,000.00
Miscellaneous	LS	1	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
			Subtotal:	\$ 917,200.00

**Construction:**

	<b>Total Estimate</b>	\$ 1,403,950.00
<b>State/Fed</b>	<b>80%</b>	\$ 1,123,160.00
<b>Local</b>	<b>20%</b>	\$ 280,790.00

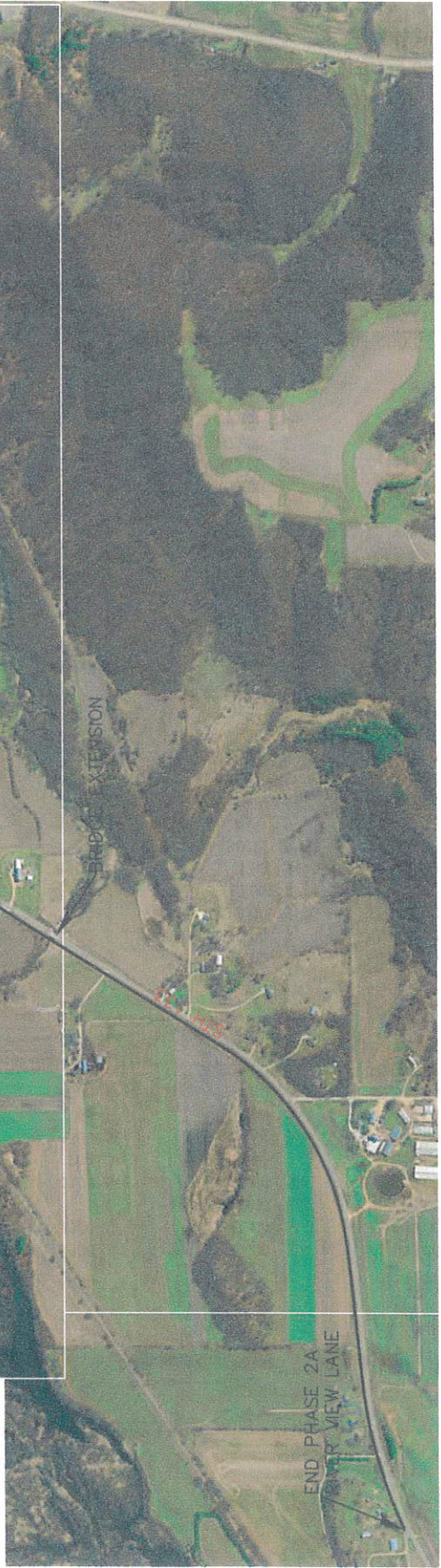
**Construction Oversight**                      **11%**    \$ 156,000.00

**Construction Total:**    \$ 1,559,950.00

**Design:**

<b>Consultant Design</b>	<b>12%</b>	\$ 168,474.00
<b>State Reviews</b>	<b>3%</b>	\$ 42,118.50

**Design Total:**                      \$ 210,592.50





# WI R Trail Phase 2A



1: 10,820

### Legend

- Profile Baselines
- Flood Hazard Zones
  - 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
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- Section
- Quarter-Quarter

### Notes

WROC 2010  
 T8N, R3W, ss. 33 & 34  
 Wetland and Floodplain layers

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# WI R Trail Phase 2A



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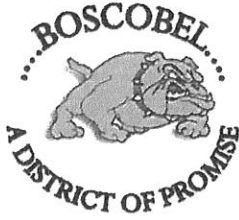


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WR0C 2010  
T7N, R3W, ss. 4 & 5  
Wetland and Floodplain layers



# BOSCOBEL AREA SCHOOLS

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**Middle School/High School**  
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Boscobel, WI 53805  
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**Elementary School**  
200 Buchanan Street  
Boscobel, WI 53805  
608-375-4165  
FAX 608-375-4197

Skyler Reynolds  
Boscobel High School  
300 Brindley Street  
Boscobel, WI 53805

## Members of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant:

As a special education teacher and cross country coach in the Boscobel School District, I strongly support the Wisconsin River Trail. The trail will create amazing and endless opportunities for our students and athletes. We have a beautiful and scenic area, but very limited access to many parts of the region. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant will definitely alleviate some of the financial burden to make this trail a reality.

The opportunity to link the Wisconsin Riverway to our academic and athletic programs will create an unbelievable learning and training environment never imagined by our community. This will be a resource that will be utilized by our school, cross country program, and community all year long. For our students and teachers, the trail will provide a safe and ample area to take classroom outings into nature where students will have an array of opportunities to learn about animal and plant life from a first-hand (and hands-on) perspective. Our athletes will find the trail to be a great place for various workouts and cross country training. Finally, the trail will serve as a wonderful location for people to enjoy the outdoors and open up access to a natural area that sits right in our own backyard, providing families with opportunities to bond and exercise together.

I think it is difficult to explain or even understand the benefits that the Wisconsin River Trail will bring to our area. The reality of the trail has created a lot of excitement among our students/staff, athletes/coaches, and our community. Thank you for your consideration of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant.

Sincerely,

Skyler Reynolds  
Special Education Teacher  
Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach

Boscobel Elementary School  
200 Buchanan Street  
Boscobel, WI  
March 18, 2015

To whom it may concern:

We are students at Boscobel Elementary who have been elected to the school's student council. The Boscobel Elementary Student Council is made up of students in third through sixth grade. In January we voted to donate \$200 of our funds to the Wisconsin River Trail Organization. We know that this is just a small amount of the money needed to create the biking/hiking trail that the committee is planning.

One of the main reasons we think this trail would be great for Boscobel is that it would provide something for adults and kids in our town to do. Biking and walking are activities that people of all ages can do. The trail could also be used for skateboarding, rollerblading, and running. These activities also can help you exercise and stay fit. It is nice to have new activities available. Many times people from Boscobel drive to other towns for fun. This new trail would provide fun things to do right in our town!

A lot of people, including kids, in Boscobel like to fish. Our school even offers a fishing summer school course every June for two weeks. The trail would give them easier and safer access to the water. We have seen kids riding their bikes balancing their fishing poles as they ride to the Wisconsin River. This trail would be much safer than riding your bike on Highway 61.

Our school could offer a new summer school class on exercise and fitness. The students could ride bikes or run on the trail. If there were exercise stations along the way, like chin ups, balance beams, and push up bars, people could stop and do some other fitness activities. This trail could be used for physical education class at our school too.

School classes could pick up trash along this new trail as part of Earth Day clean-up and on other days. Placing garbage cans and recycling bins along the path would encourage everyone to keep the trail clean.

We also think the trail would bring tourist and other people to our community. When visitors come to our houses, the trail is something fun they could use while visiting. We live in a small town on the beautiful Wisconsin River. People admire it when they drive by. Eagles and other wildlife can be seen. A trail would allow them to get a better view. It would also be nice for the canoers and kayakers who visit our town. Maybe someday benches could be placed along the trail so that people could watch the sunset over the river.

Once the trail is built there are many other things that could be added. Picnic tables, camping sites with showers and fire pits, public bathrooms, a dog exercise area, music or entertainment areas, and ice cream carts offering treats would be grand.

Please take these ideas and thoughts into consideration. The people in our small town of Boscobel would really enjoy having a Wisconsin River Trail in our community.

Sincerely,

Jackson Kinney - President  
Nathan Beck - Secretary/Treasurer  
Parker Steele - Vice President  
Bailey Wellner, amelia Wellner  
maribeth fritz, Klaus Buchholz, Trista Fargen  
Alexis Brown, Katie Kinney, Madeline Fritz  
Allie Cornell, Susan Beck, adison  
Stewart Trumm, Lydia Bely  
Grace Smith, Gretta Grassel  
Jayden Glasbrenner, Nick Sutherland  
The Boscobel Elementary Student Council  
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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: FEB 02 2015

WISCONSIN RIVER TRAIL ORGANIZATION  
11740 WILSHIRE BLVD APT A207  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90025-0000

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46-5278938  
DLN:  
26053429001315  
Contact Person:  
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
509(a)(2)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
April 16, 2014  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Letter 5436