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Debrushing Grant-In-Aid Program Application

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).

Project Number

A project number will be assigned upon approval.

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: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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Estimated Time & Cost

Please Estimate Costs For:

Handheld Power Equipment (Chainsaw/Pole Saw): (Hours) _____ \$ _____

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

Articulated Sidearm Mower: (Hours) _____ \$ _____

TOTALS (Hours) _____ \$ _____

Field Inspection

The outlined trail debrushing project has been inspected and meets the requirements as outlined in the VAST Trails Development Manual.

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 deadline is June 30th.

Funding will not be approved without the above!!

For Office Use Only

This project has been reviewed and has been found to be in compliance with the Statewide Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Plan. This project has been allotted funding for its completion.

VAST/SSTP Project Number: _____ County: _____

Project Estimated Cost: _____ Funding Allotted: \$ _____

Approved by VAST Trails Administrator: _____ Date: _____



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Debrushing Grant-In-Aid Program Trails Agreement

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

hereinafter called the Project Applicant, for the purpose of providing assistance for the development and
 maintenance of 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 lesser of the two, for materials, 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 documentation of actual costs incurred.

The Project Director acknowledges receipt of process paperwork as follows:

- Completed Construction Application
- All invoices (or copies)
- Project Summary Reimbursement Form

All project paperwork must be returned along with the documentation that supports the total cost of the project.
 The project summary reimbursement form shall be approved by the County Trails Coordinator before the final
 project paperwork is submitted to the VAST Office.

The Project Applicant agrees that the trail project has received landowner permission, will be open for use by
 VAST members and that the trail project meets acceptable trail standards as outlined in the VAST Guideline for
 the Development of Snowmobile Trails, latest edition and signed according to the VAST Guideline for the
 Snowmobile Trail Signing and Placement, latest edition.

Trail projects must be completed by December 15th of the application year unless the applicant has requested a
 written extension to the VAST Trails Administrator.

In witness thereof, the parties have signed this agreement on this _____ day _____ of 20_____

Witness:

By: _____
 (Project Director)

 (Club President or Cty Trails Coordinator)

Authorized: _____

By: _____
 (VAST Trails Administrator)



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Debrushing Grant-In-Aid Program Policies & Procedures

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 part of the SSTS (Statewide Snowmobile Trail System) and be shown on the current VAST Map. This policy does not include routine removal of blow downs.
2. Grants for side debrushing and high limb debrushing by a contractor or individual with brush hog, chain saw or similar power equipment are authorized on existing trails to the extent that funds budgeted for this purpose allow. This policy does not apply to new construction and trail relocation projects approved under the VAST Grant-In-Aid Program.
3. Grants for debrushing will be made to clubs only.
4. Applications for debrushing and limb clearing grants must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined for trail construction. The application deadline is June 30th.
5. Reimbursement for debrushing and limb clearing grants will be made at the following rates and have been divided into a three-tiered classification system according to the type of equipment used to debrush the trails:
 - **\$25/hr not to exceed \$50/mile** (this per mile rate is based on the contract mile which includes debrushing both sides of the trail) for handheld power equipment including chainsaws and pole pruners. This rate/hour is not applicable to all individuals operating the handheld equipment.
 - **\$45/hr not to exceed \$90/mile** (this per mile rate is based on the contract mile which includes debrushing both sides of the trail) for mechanized equipment that is towed by a tractor or ATV. This classification is for brush hog and other types of tow behind mowers.
 - **\$65/hour not to exceed \$130/mile** (this per mile rate is based on the contract mile which includes debrushing both sides of the trail) for a tractor with a side arm mower or another type of attachment capable of removing overhead limbs and woody brush.
6. 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* manual.
7. Clubs 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. Payment will not be made until the Trails Coordinator has verified the debrushing is completed.