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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: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> 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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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 Guidelines for 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)

Date: _____
 (VAST Trails Administrator)

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 Corridor Trails that are 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 debrushing by a contractor or individual with brush hog or side arm type equipment are authorized on existing 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 the type of equipment used to debrush the trails:
 - **\$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*, latest edition.
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.