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### 3. Rescue Equipment Grant-In-Aid – (Revised 05/05)

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#### 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 other membership clubs for the reasons stated above.

With the ever-increasing numbers of snowmobilers on our trail system, the need for this type of equipment, will undoubtedly become greater. Historically high traffic areas will need to have up-to-date equipment now and in the future. Areas that are targeted for future trail development will also require this equipment. However, eventually 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.

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#### 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**. Upon approval of the grant request, the payment will be made directly to the Club applying for the grant-in-aid. If the local fire department or rescue squad is requesting the grant-in-aid, the club should submit the application and disperse the grant-in-aid money upon final approval and receipt of the grant.
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 to 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% not to exceed a maximum of \$5,000.
4. Grant-in-aid liens will be placed on all equipment and repayment will be four years.