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Village of Deforest
120 S. Stevenson Street
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Dear Mr. Blau,

This will advise you that the 2023 (Fiscal Year 2024 Funding) project rankings and recommendations for outdoor recreation grant assistance funding for State Stewardship, Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Federal Land & Water Conservation (LWCF) programs are now complete.

I am pleased to inform you that the Village of Deforest's application for the **Yahara River Access Improvement (Western Green and Veterans Park)** project has been tentatively selected to receive a Stewardship grant in the amount of **$9,631.63** from the Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The 2023 grant cycle was very competitive. The Department received 95 applications statewide requesting more than $28 million in grant assistance for public outdoor recreation projects.

This letter represents tentative selection of your project for grant funding. Prior to execution of final grant agreements, I will work closely with you to update project details (set scope of work) and complete all reviews, approvals, and consultations required under applicable federal laws, state statutes, and administrative rules. These awards are contingent on successful completion of the review and approval process. Please note that the final grant amount may change based on updated project information and detailed review of eligible project costs. I will contact you soon to discuss next steps. ***The Village should not start construction, prior to execution of signed grant agreement unless it is willing to assume the risk of absorbing those costs.***

If you are no longer interested in receiving these grants, please let me know as soon as possible so that the Department can contact other applicants on the ranked list of projects regarding tentative grant awards.

I will remain as your primary Department point of contact for this project. Please call me at (608)516-9560 or email me at Cheryl.Houlsey@wisconsin.gov at any time.

Again, congratulations on the tentative selection of your project. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Housley

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