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GRANT AWARDED FOR COLDWATER TRAIL

DODGE CITY--November 9, 2016--The Dodge City-based Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas and Short Grass Prairie Division of Sunflower Rail-Trails Conservancy jointly announce that the Foundation has awarded the Short Grass Prairie Trail a \$3,900 grant to assist in the construction of a one-mile section of the trail between Coldwater and Lake Coldwater. The trail segment will enable trail users to travel safely from the city to the lake. The project will primarily involve installing a crushed limestone surface suitable for bicyclists, walkers and wheelchair users.

Currently there is no safe route for children, seniors and teens to access Lake Coldwater which has become a very popular recreational facility. Also, Southwest Kansas is currently under-served in terms of public recreational trails and this will help alleviate this shortage. It is expected that once this section is complete and a success, demand will increase to complete the whole rail-trail which stretches 78 miles between Coats and Protection. The trail will then become a destination place for residents of Southwest Kansas. Approximately, 5,000 trail user visits are projected for this trail segment annually.