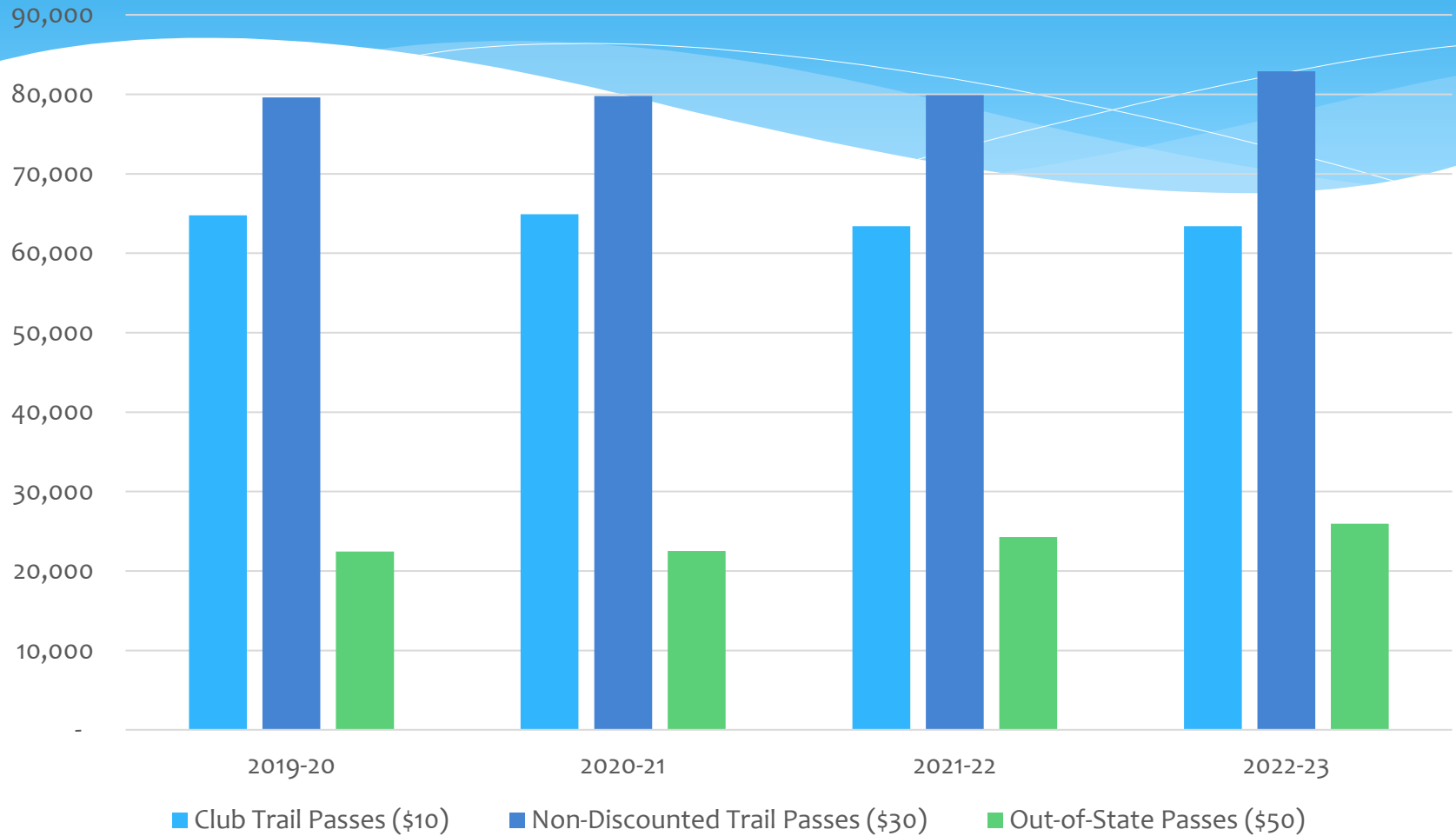


# Snowmobile Topics

## AWSC Spring Convention 2023

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# Trail Pass History



# Vehicle Registration

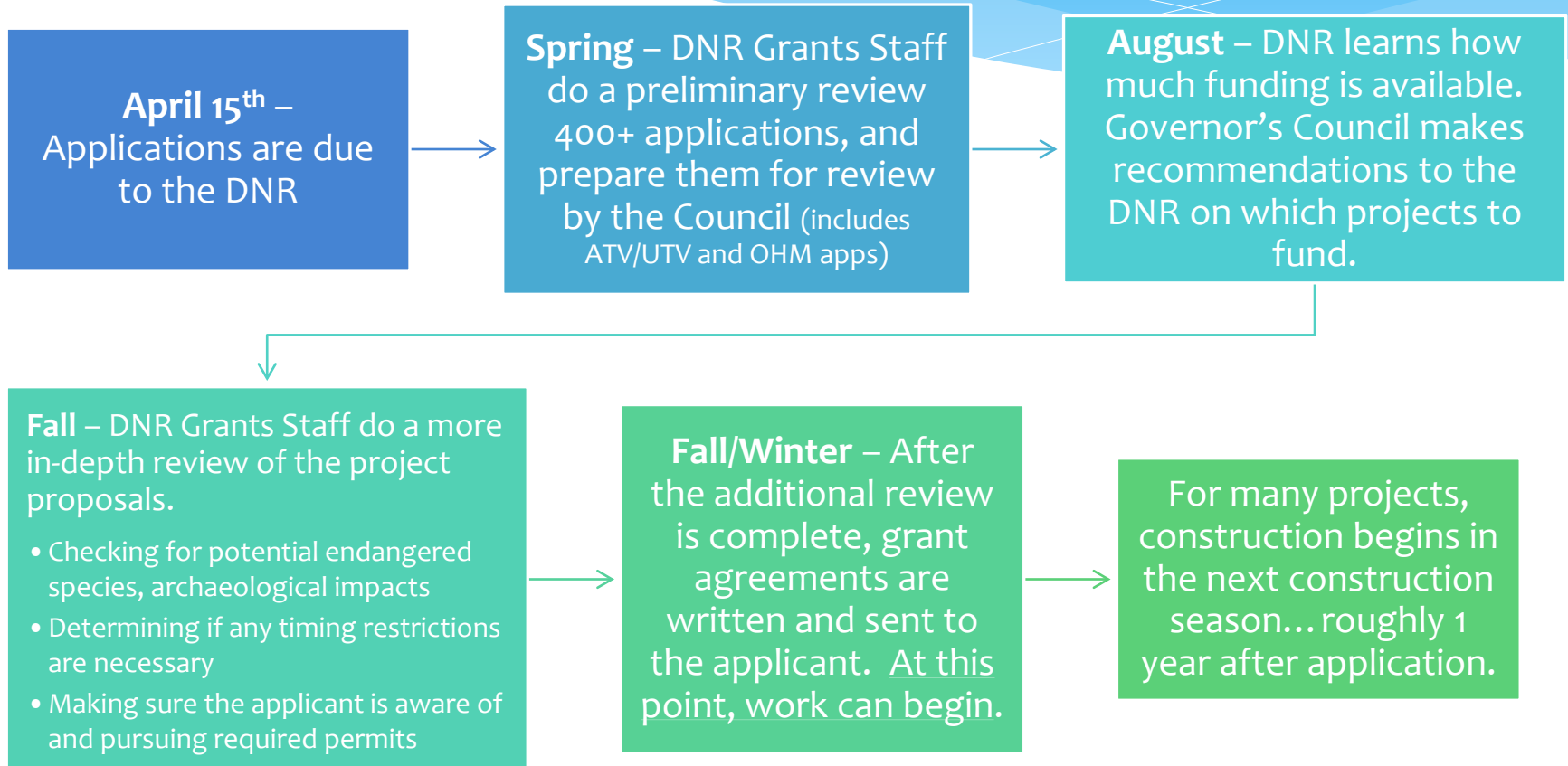
Registration Valid for 3 Years



# How to Apply for Grants

- \* Clubs who have a snowmobile trail project should work with their county government – counties are the eligible applicant.
- \* Annual application deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>
- \* Applications should include a solid cost estimate, photos, maps, etc. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- \* Applications are reviewed by DNR and Governor's Snowmobile Council.
- \* Funded projects should receive their grant agreements in the fall or winter.

# Grant Timeline



# Role of the Governor's Snowmobile Council

## **Creation: s. 15.347(7), Wis. Stats.**

1. 15 members, Governor appointed
2. Wisconsin resident – at least 5 from the north and 5 from the south

## **Duties: s. 350.14, Wis. Stats.**

1. Provide advice & make recommendation to the DNR, DOT, Governor & the legislature on all matters relating to snowmobiles and snowmobiling.
2. Make recommendation to DNR on requests for funding.

Website with Minutes, etc: <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Meetings.html>

# Projects Funded

Category	No. of Projects Funded	Total Awards
Maintenance of Existing Funded Trails (19,900+ miles)	73	\$5,980,000
Bridge Rehab	34	\$2,531,819
Trail Rehabilitation	4	\$82,270
Trail Relocation	9	\$611,396
New Bridges	8	\$829,412
Cost Increases to Prev Grants	4	\$52,790
New Miles (201.6 Miles)	43	\$263,507
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>\$10,137,434</b>

# Storm Damage

- \* Program typically requires a state or federally declared emergency.
- \* Special consideration was given to the December 2022 ice and snow storms that particularly impacted the northwestern counties
- \* Applications were accepted through March 1 for expenses to-date related to that clean-up.
- \* Grants were awarded for nearly \$900,000 in additional funding for those efforts.
- \* Future clean up expenses can be estimated and submitted as trail rehab projects by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



# Supplemental Maintenance

- \* **Initial Claims for 21-22 Season: \$2.2 Million  
No Pro-Rate. Funding will be at 100%**

**The average supplemental request for previous five seasons was \$2.5 million per season.**

**Timeline: DNR Staff are auditing requests now, will be finished by Dec 1.**

**Governor's Council recommends increasing the supplemental cap from \$900/mile to \$1,500/mile or more. The cap is set in admin code and will be a slow process to change. No change yet, stay tuned!**

# Wrap-up

**QUESTIONS??**