

Trail Work

Eligible Requests

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Construction	<p>Trail Infrastructure: This includes bridges, culverts, water diversion structures, wet area crossings, and other vital components that ensure safe and sustainable OHV trails.</p> <p>Trail Design and Development: Building and designing new OHV trails, ensuring riders have access to thrilling and well-planned routes.</p> <p>Trail Facilities: Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities, kiosks, interpretive signage, parking lots, restrooms, and concrete aprons, all designed to enhance the overall OHV experience.</p> <p>Trail Accessibility: Gravel or pavement for County D roads that provide access to OHV trails, staging areas, and parking lots, promoting ease of use for OHV enthusiasts.</p> <p>Maintenance and Upkeep: This includes grooming of motocross tracks, treadwork, resurfacing, grading, restoration, vegetation and obstruction removal, as well as trail signage, markers, and delineation to ensure the safety and longevity of established OHV trails and routes.</p>
Equipment*	<p>Trail Maintenance Vehicles: Including all-terrain type III vehicles (e.g., rock crawlers or modified Jeeps not registered as motor vehicles), OHVs (with turbo UTVs reviewed on a project basis), tractors, bobcats, trailcats, skid-steers, dozers, excavators, trailers, and related equipment and accessories to facilitate trail work. Non-profits must rent equipment (more information below).</p> <p>Technology and Tools: Such as drones (up to \$2,500 for state and federal applicants), GPS devices, apps, and services to assist with trail planning, mapping, and monitoring.</p> <p>Hand and Mechanized Tools: Essential tools and mechanized equipment for effective trail construction and maintenance.</p> <p>Communication Systems: Radios and communication systems to ensure connectivity and safety for trail crews, employees, and volunteers.</p>
Employees	<p>Transportation and Mobilization: Covering fuel and mobilization expenses for trail work employees and volunteers traveling to work sites.</p> <p>Accommodations: Providing hotel stays for employees or volunteers traveling over 100 one-way miles to the work site.</p> <p>Compensation: Offering hourly wages to trail crews, employees, and equipment operators involved in trail construction and maintenance.</p> <p>Safety and Training: Ensuring the safety of employees with PPE, safety equipment, and training and certification opportunities to enhance their skills in trail work.</p>
Other & Misc.	<p>Trail Assessment: Funding for assessing trail conditions for future maintenance.</p> <p>Environmental Compliance: Support for environmental assessments, feasibility studies, cultural clearances, and NEPA compliance.</p> <p>Supplies and Facilities: Including GIS mapping of new trails, essential supplies for cleanups, maintenance shops, picnic areas, and amenities.</p>

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Eligible Cont.	Permitting and Land: Covering permitting costs and land-related expenses, including purchases under \$10,000 (for larger amounts, apply under the Year-Round OHV Land Acquisition Grant), and supporting trail branding and planning initiatives.
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Access Protection

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Documenting Access and Protecting Trails*: This category involves the documentation of public right-of-way, routes, and trails using employees, volunteers, and machinery (including OHVs and equipment). Installation of fencing and other trail materials to mark open and closed access routes. Trail maintenance work is performed to ensure OHV users can access and enjoy the trails.

Advocacy and Legal Protection: Litigation or other legal advocacy to protect existing public land access. Training and advocacy. Other efforts that further the interests of preserving existing OHV access.

Resource Allocation and Planning: Fuel, mobilization, and travel expenses. Involvement in travel management and planning.

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Education

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Safety and Responsibility Campaigns: Campaigns that promote safe and responsible trail use. EMS education videos to educate OHV enthusiasts on emergency response procedures. Helmet programs aimed at increasing helmet usage among OHV riders. Trail etiquette initiatives to foster courteous behavior on trails. OHV ethics and education programs to instill responsible OHV practices. Non-law enforcement trail safety and trail-use monitoring programs to ensure adherence to safety regulations.

Educational Material and Resources: Creation and dissemination of educational material related to OHV safety, conservation, and responsible use. Printing of existing maps to help OHV riders navigate designated trails. Signage specific to education, including informative trail signs. Programs designed to enhance Utah's current off-highway vehicle education programs. Human waste bags and other educational materials to promote responsible waste management on trails.

Program Support and Equipment*: Funding for hourly wages for trail ambassadors, trail hosts, education specialists, and related program employees. Acquisition of trailers and OHVs specific to education purposes (turbo UTVs for education to be reviewed on a project basis). Other equipment and resources are required to facilitate and support OHV education initiatives.

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Search and Rescue (SAR)

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Machines*: UTVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles, Argos, ATVs, and sometimes E-bikes to help SAR calls be mobile and react quickly to injured or immobilized OHV users

Equipment*: Equipment includes trailers, med beds, medical equipment (defibrillators not included), gear, radios, and communication systems, helmets, PPE, SAR drones, street-legal kits, fire extinguishers, GPS (devices, services, apps), medical lights, hitches, etc.

Training and certifications: AVY 1,2,3 Instructor courses for OHV Operation, etc. A small portion of funding can be used for medical personnel training.

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Snowmobile

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Safety and Awareness Initiatives: Avalanche awareness initiatives. Avalanche forecasting and condition reporting. Purchase of beacons and way-points. Safety equipment, gear, and helmets. Snow-specific SAR or EMS equipment.

Trail Development and Maintenance*: Building and designing new trails. Environmental assessment, feasibility studies, cultural clearance, and NEPA compliance. Fuel and mobilization expenses. GIS mapping of new trails. Groomers, snowcats, and related equipment for trail maintenance. Grooming tools and mechanized equipment. Hourly wage for trail crews, employees, and equipment operators. Maintenance shops and structures. Parking lots, parking barriers, and staging areas. Pit toilets, restrooms, concrete aprons, etc. Trail counters. Trail planning and design. Trail signage, markers, etc. Trailers for transportation of equipment and supplies. UTV tracks specifically designed for snow use. Warming huts, yurts, shelters, etc.

Technology and Communication: GPS devices, apps, services, etc. Radio and communication systems for trail crews, employees, and volunteers. Snowmobiles for patrol and maintenance. Training and certification programs to enhance skills and safety in snowmobiling.

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OHV Tourism

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Marketing and Promotion	<p>Billboards: Utilizing billboards effectively spreading awareness about OHV tourism, attracting visitors to rural communities, and supporting local businesses.</p> <p>Digital Marketing: Social media, banner ads, native ads, video, pre-roll ads, and email marketing campaigns enhance outreach, engaging potential tourists through online platforms. Professional web design. Content created through a firm.</p> <p>Print and Publications: Fliers, direct mail, and paid content in relevant magazines, newspapers, and local guides help disseminate information about OHV experiences, boosting tourism to rural areas. This also includes the reprinting of existing OHV maps.</p> <p>Events: Permitting, traffic cones, speaker systems, branded pop-up tents, branded event trailers</p>
Research and Strategy	<p>Research for Effective Marketing: Funding for research initiatives assists in understanding the preferences and behaviors of OHV enthusiasts, enabling the creation of more effective marketing strategies to attract visitors to Utah's rural regions.</p>
Multimedia Advertising	<p>Sport, Cable TV, or Radio Ads: Advertising on sports, cable TV, and radio channels enhances visibility and persuades potential OHV enthusiasts to explore Utah's offerings.</p> <p>Trail Branding: Promoting OHV trails through branding initiatives.</p>

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