



UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

SPRING FY26 - OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

#	FY26 Q2 - Spring	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested	Recommended	Category
1	Markagunt OHV Trail System Trail Reconstruction: The Duck Creek Trail System has not undergone any maintenance programs in the past 20 years. The DCVLP group is initiating a trail rebuilding program, and an annual maintenance schedule started in 2025. The trail project will continue in 2026 and move forward until it is complete. Grant funding will provide for the tools necessary to continue working on the trails for future projects.	Duck Creek Village Legacy Project	\$72,056.50	\$48,757.50	\$48,757.50	Trail Work
2	Single Track Trails Grit and Tools: Grant will provide funding to purchase essential tools to maintain single-track trails on the Manti National Forest and San Rafael Swell. The single-track trails on the San Rafael Swell and Manti National Forest require substantial yearly maintenance.	Sage Riders Motorcycle Club	\$10,119.00	\$6,674.00	\$6,674.00	Trail Work
3	SE UT Singletrack Maintenance: This project will do major maintenance of motorized singletrack at Sovereign Trail, Dubinky, Temple Mountain, Chimney Rock, and the Ferron Ranger District. Ride with Respect will coordinate with other local motorcycle groups and land managers to complement their own work on these trails. An experienced crew on motorcycles will ensure that the work is efficient and effective to improve the longevity of trails and the enjoyment	Ride with Respect	\$51,356.40	\$35,832.40	\$35,832.40	Trail Work

	of singletrack riders.					
4	Goblin Valley Behind the Butte OHV Practice Riding Area: We are formalizing an old informal OHV/ATV/dirt bike play area located in the recently improved West Behind the Butte camping area. The area will be fenced and signed as an official OHV practice riding area, allowing for riding near campsites and skill development for young riders. The project connects directly with a UORG RRI grant we received in 2025 that improved nearby campsites and funded the signage and initial fencing for the OHV area entrances.	Goblin Valley State Park	\$6,786.80	\$3,748.00	\$3,748.00	Trail Work
5	Parker Mountain Trail Use Data Collection: Funds will be used to purchase TRAFx trail counters and trail cameras, then deployed in partnership with the Fishlake National Forest Data Collection Program for the Parker Mountain Trail System. This is a new OHV trail system, and no utilization data has ever been collected.	Paiute Trail Committee	\$12,800.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	Trail Work
6	Robbers Roost and Fishlake Trail Maintenance (Originally requested \$37,838.90): The Robbers Roost Trail Committee desires a grant to provide trail maintenance and signage for roads and trails on the BLM Forest Service lands in Emery, Sevier, Wayne, and Garfield Counties. This application was reduced by \$5,000 for trail mapping, as local land management agencies have already completed mapping for these areas. The council's Forest Service representative advised the applicant to contact local federal agencies to obtain access to these maps.	Robbers Roost Trail Committee	\$46,618.90 (Originally \$51,618.90)	\$37,838.90	\$32,838.90	Trail Work

7	Maintenance and Equipment Trailer: We plan to buy an enclosed snowmobile trailer to haul equipment and supplies to project sites. Also fund the fuel and maintenance of equipment used to maintain the Arapeen Trail System.	Manti-La Sal National Forest	\$59,065.98	\$44,255.98	\$44,255.98	Trail Work
8	Emery County Signing Crew: Emery County will partner with the Manti-La Sal National Forest to hire two seasonal employees dedicated to improving the popular Arapeen Trail System. The project will include replacing and upgrading trail markers, updating decals, and re-signing the entire system to enhance safety, navigation, and visitor experience. This collaborative effort represents a significant investment in long-term trail stewardship.	Emery County	\$198,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	Trail Work
9	Buckskin Hills Enduro Training Course: The Buckskin Hills Enduro Training Course will be constructed at the Buckskin Hills Recreation Complex in Uintah County, targeting off-road dirt bike riders with challenging, technical obstacles to enhance their skills. The project will include three skill levels, a fence enclosing the course, a shade structure, and a 2-vault bathroom.	Uintah County	\$404,718.70	\$382,064.00	\$382,064.00	Trail Work
10	Fremont and Paiute Trail Systems Connector Trail: The Fremont and Paiute trail systems are significant off-highway vehicle recreation corridors in the western United States, attracting visitors from across the country and serving as an economic driver for rural Utah communities. The planned connection at the Butch Cassidy trailhead improves continuity, safety, and accessibility by creating a centralized access point designed to accommodate a broad spectrum of	Piute County	\$91,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$87,000.00	Trail Work

	users, including UTV riders, adaptive recreation participants, and families.					
11	Sand Ledges Trailhead Restroom & Parking Lot Expansion: This project will add a new restroom facility and gravel parking lot to an existing trailhead at the Sand Ledges Block. These improvements are critical, as additional parking areas and essential amenities will greatly contribute to maintaining a clean and spacious staging area at this well-known location on the Paiute ATV Trail System.	Sevier County Economic Development	\$149,125.00	\$111,375.00	\$111,375.00	Trail Work
12	White Canyon Trail System: In December 2025, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Monticello Field Office partnered with SPEAR to enhance trails in the White Canyon area of San Juan County. This project will update trail signage and maps while constructing kiosks to ensure clear navigation for users. Collaboration with all stakeholders is crucial for the success of this initiative, which aims to enhance off-road use while preserving the integrity of the unique natural beauty and rugged terrain of the region.	San Juan Public Entry and Access Rights (SPEAR)	\$84,301.87	\$62,092.02	\$62,092.02	Trail Work
13	Warner and Long Valley OHV Trail Cleanup Project: Removal of trash and debris from Warner Valley OHV area and Long Valley OHV staging areas. This project will occur over four separate days from Spring 2026 through the Fall of 2027. No dumping and no littering signs will be placed along the West and East entrances to Warner Valley and Long Valley at the beginning of this project.	Project Enduro for Vets	\$21,344.65	\$14,510.90	\$14,510.90	Trail Work
14	Improving Safety & Wayfinding Signage at Cricket Mountains OHV Trail System: The Cricket Mountains	Foundation for America's Public	\$70,407.00	\$52,641.00	\$52,641.00	Trail Work

	OHV Trail System in Millard County, Utah, offers about 129 miles of marked trails for all skill levels, featuring varied terrain from valleys to mountains, with access points and parking off Highway 257. To improve the user experience on the OHV Trail System, the BLM will update all signage, including directional signs on Hwy 257, trail maps at the trailheads, and signs guiding riders on the trail. Doing so will enhance safe recreation access for riders.	Lands				
15	Additional Funding for OHV Lighting Project (Originally requested \$191,062.06): Additional costs needed for the lighting grant AP-004453. Purchase a dirt bike and safety gear for the park for testing out the tracks/obstacles. The dirt bike and associated gear were removed from the budget. The Council recommended the applicant reapply at a later date for funding for this equipment.	Jordan River OHV State Park	\$187,829.00 (Originally \$203,062.06)	\$191,062.06	\$175,829.00	Trail Work
17	Moab OHV Destinations – Tusher Tunnel, Uranium Arch, Bartlett Alcove: This project will provide key updates to three popular OHV destinations in Moab, Utah: the Tusher Tunnel, Uranium Arch, and Bartlett Alcove. The Foundation for America’s Public Lands and the Bureau of Land Management are working together, along with key partners, to install and refresh existing signage, restore a trailhead, refresh a trail, and install fencing on these popular public lands, which see over 50,000 visitors annually.	Foundation for America’s Public Lands	\$59,866.00	\$42,866.00	\$42,866.00	Trail Work
19	Kane County Trail Maintenance Project: Kane County is seeking to purchase trail maintenance equipment	Kane County	\$146,110.82	\$99,029.44	\$99,029.44	Trail Work

	to maintain crucial, high-use trail connector routes.					
21	Public Lands Access Protection: PLPCO will actively engage in coordination, policies, planning, and litigation to ensure the State of Utah preserves its access to public lands. This access will provide opportunities for Utahns to recreate across the State's magnificent landscape. While preserving access to recreation, PLPCO will also preserve access to areas that are vital to Utah's economy. These areas will help build a future for every Utahn through multiple-use, sustained yield, and exemplary stewardship.	Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office	\$706,004.50	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	Access Protection
22	Utah Mini-Moto League: The Mini-Moto League (also known as Edge Mini-MX League) is a premier youth-focused mini-motocross rider education, racing, and training program that has operated for the last 14 years. It supports young riders ages 3 to 18 (typically starting from age 4, with classes for gas-powered & electric race bikes, including Stacyc style). Our program will seek support to pay for the park rental fees and rental fees for lighting, timing & scoring software, and other services, from the Grants and sponsors.	Beyond Pro Sports & Events	\$151,982.00	\$54,400.00	\$54,400.00	Education
23	Big Ride: The Big Ride brings OHV representatives from across the state together, along with land managers, state representatives, and elected officials. This is a collaborative effort to educate and share information about OHV Recreation. This funding will help offset attendees' hotel costs so the Big Ride can get more attendance from OHV clubs across Utah.	Utah ATV Association	\$129,001.00	\$78,100.00	\$78,100.00	Education
24	Steward Moab OHV Trail Ambassador Revitalization & Long	Steward Moab		\$323,965.33	\$161,982.67	Education

	Term Sustainability (Originally requested \$323,965.33): Since 2023, the OHV Trail Ambassador program has provided educational resources and promoted safe and responsible recreation to over 10,000 motorized trail users in the Moab Area. In 2026, the program transitioned to a new non-profit, Steward Moab, while maintaining key leadership. This application seeks funding for 2027-2028 to sustain essential education programming, expand OHV volunteer opportunities, increase event engagement, and cultivate a donor base to ensure long-term sustainability. Funding was reduced by half to support one year of project implementation. The Engagement Coordinator position was not funded, as the Council prioritized directing funds toward on-the-ground work rather than personnel focused on securing additional funding.		\$211,861.92 (Originally \$423,723.85)			
25	Washington County 4-H ATV Club (Originally requested \$76,570.00): The Washington County 4-H ATV Club will deliver year-long, in-person OHV safety and skills training for 120 youth who ride ATVs for recreation and farming. All 4-H club members are required to complete Utah’s OHV safety course, then meet monthly (Sept–May) using the 4-H ATV Safety curriculum, which includes hands-on inspections, riding-skill practice, preparedness, and responsible-riding stewardship, culminating in a skills evaluation, public speaking demonstration, and County Fair Exhibit.	Utah State University Extension	\$77,625.41 (Originally \$107,815.41)	\$76,570.00	\$46,380.00	Education

	Funding was reduced to \$20,000 to support the purchase of a more appropriate UTV and trailer, rather than the originally proposed \$50,190 for a Can-Am Defender and enclosed trailer.					
27	Garfield County SAR ATV/UTV Trailers and 1 Medbed: We would like to purchase 3 flatbed ATV/UTV trailers to haul our SAR side by sides and related SAR equipment on, and need to purchase 1 medbed to equip the side by side stationed in Escalante. We currently have side-by-sides stationed in Panguitch, Tropic, and Escalante, Utah, for which we need practical solutions/trailers for hauling to remote locations. We also need to purchase 1 more med bed for the side-by-side in Escalante.	Garfield County Sheriff's Office and Search and Rescue	\$19,603.56	\$14,879.81	\$14,879.81	Search and Rescue
28	Wasatch SAR Medbed 2026 Accessories: This grant money will provide the accessories needed for the new medbed. The medbed needs lights and sirens for safety and to be able to use it in the back country in bad weather.	Wasatch Search & Rescue	\$8,636.60	\$6,476.45	\$6,476.45	Search and Rescue
29	SAR Medical Transport UTVs (Originally requested \$50,000.00): Applying for a grant to build two enclosed UTV's for medical transport out of inaccessible areas. The primary focus is on transport in an enclosed machine with climate control due to the extreme summer heat in the area. Also need a UTV with better suspension for a smoother ride for injured individuals who are sometimes transported up to ten miles in extreme conditions. Funding was reduced from two machines to one following discussion with the Council, during	Washington County Sheriffs Search and Rescue	\$52,809.38 (Originally \$105,618.76)	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	Search and Rescue

	which the applicant indicated they would be comfortable proceeding with a single machine.					
30	Wasatch SAR UTV 2026: Backcountry Medbed. This is a modified Polaris Expedition that is purpose-built to be a backcountry ambulance. This is the only Side by Side that is capable of holding a full-grown human on a backboard and still being fully enclosed from the weather.	Wasatch Search & Rescue	\$41,648.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Search and Rescue
32	Utah County SAR Ranger 1500: The purpose of this project is to help purchase a new Pioneer Ranger 1500 to replace an old and outdated machine. The Ranger 1500 will provide increased power and capability, allowing it to better handle track systems during the winter months. This upgrade will enable year-round service and improved access for visitors throughout Utah County.	Utah County Sheriff Search and Rescue	\$51,926.67	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Search and Rescue
33	Motorized Avalanche Forecasting - Weather Station Upgrades and New PPE: The UAC requests OHVR funding to support infrastructure and equipment upgrades for motorized avalanche forecasting. This project funds daily avalanche forecasts, critical PPE for forecasters conducting snowmobile-based fieldwork, and maintenance and upgrades for weather stations that provide essential data for the forecast team. These investments help the UAC forecast team provide daily avalanche forecasts accessed by motorized users across Utah.	Utah Avalanche Center	\$219,547.54	\$136,731.54	\$136,731.54	Snowmobile
34	Friends of Central Utah Winter Recreation Trailer: The Friends of Central Utah Winter Recreation is seeking funding to purchase an enclosed trailer to store and haul	Friends of Central Utah Winter Recreation	\$14,610.25	\$13,035.25	\$13,035.25	Snowmobile

	avalanche awareness and educational equipment to trail heads and field days with the Utah Avalanche Center and the public. This would include avalanche safety gear, avalanche education items, beacon checkpoints, and snowmobiles for field days. As well as function as another resource for the nonprofit's activities, such as fundraising, trail maintenance, warming hut setup, and maintenance.					
35	Flirt with our Dirt- Garfield County Spring OHV Advertising: We will put together a marketing campaign to position our area as a top riding destination in the western U.S. We want to showcase the diverse landscapes around Bryce Canyon, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and Dixie National Forest to attract more visitors and encourage them to explore beyond just Bryce Canyon National Park. By using targeted marketing channels, we hope to bring in more overnight stays and support the local outdoor recreation economy.	Garfield County Tourism	\$46,400.00	\$34,800.00	\$34,800.00	OHV Tourism
36	Green River Dirt Bike Rally: The Green River Dirt Bike Rally is intended to introduce riders to some fabulous trails in the Green River area while teaching how to experience public lands safely and responsibly. This is a dual effort to boost the local economy and teach visitors the importance of respecting public land use rules so that everyone interested can continue to use these lands in the future. This event helps to boost Dirt Bike Tourism in the area and encourages responsible riding.	City of Green River	\$17,744.40	\$4,249.40	\$4,249.40	OHV Tourism
37	Uintah County/Dinoland Trails Marketing: This campaign will run from May through September 2026, promoting the local Dinoland OHV	Uintah County Travel & Tourism	\$44,500.00	\$33,375.00	\$33,375.00	OHV Tourism

	trails and events like the Outlaw ATV Jamboree and Vernal Rock Rally. We'll send riders to dinolandtrails.com to watch trail videos and find helpful information. The goal is to bring in more visitors and improve safety awareness. The total budget is \$44,500, funded by a 75% state grant and a 25% local match by us, and it focuses on riders in Utah and other markets to help grow the local recreation economy.					
38	Utah's Rec Center: Our main goal is to help more people see Richfield and Sevier County as "Utah's TRAIL COUNTRY" and get them out riding on the Paiute and Gooseberry trail systems. We'll promote the newly printed trail map and the 2026 Rocky Mountain Jamboree to bring in more visitors, increase overnight stays, and help local businesses by extending the riding season.	Sevier County	\$48,250.00	\$36,187.50	\$36,187.50	OHV Tourism
39	Kane County Tread Safely Campaign: Kane County wants to launch a Tread Safe campaign, a 6-month safety and education push from May 1 to October 31, 26. As more OHV riders visit our area in Southern Utah, this campaign focuses on teaching people how to ride responsibly and take care of the land here. It will promote "Stay on Trail" messaging and remind riders about the Utah OHV Education Course requirements, so everyone who comes to ride understands how to protect the area's amazing landscapes for future generations to enjoy	Kane County	\$42,000.00	\$31,500.00	\$31,500.00	OHV Tourism
40	OHV Digital Marketing Campaign: This project will be a marketing campaign running for 6 months from May to October 2026 to promote specific OHV trails and a new website	Wayne County	\$37,750.00	\$30,200.00	\$30,200.00	OHV Tourism

	that highlights those trails in detail. We will target OHV enthusiasts in Utah and nearby drive markets to increase OHV Travel to the Wayne County area.					
			Total Project Cost	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	
Total of the 30 Grants Recommended for Funding:			\$3,593,907.85	\$2,636,317.48	\$2,398,911.76	