



UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

SUMMER FY26 - OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

- **The Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation funded a record 30 OHV projects for the Summer OHV Recreation Grant Cycle.** Of the 34 ff-Highway Vehicle Recreation (OHVR) grant applications received, the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council has recommended **30** for funding in the FY26 Q1 - Summer period.

#	FY26 Q1 - Summer	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested	Recommended	Category
1	Fishlake National-IIC - OHV Paiute & Gooseberry OHV Trail Systems: This project would provide four interns to complete 200 miles of motorized trail maintenance, including logging out, brushing, tread work, and signing. This maintenance will take place on the Paiute, Gooseberry, and Great Western Trail Systems on the Fishlake National Forest.	Southern Utah University	\$100,789.22	\$71,541.20	\$71,541.20	Trail Work
2	Fishlake Motorized Trail Infrastructure: This project will include the purchase of materials to fabricate, paint, and stock steel barriers, concrete, and rebar for installation. These barriers have been designed to be vandal and tamper-resistant to minimize future maintenance. We will also purchase materials to fabricate OHV cattle guards for range fence permit boundaries. Newly designed cattle guards have been designed to be safer	Fishlake National Forest	\$13,730.90	\$10,092.50	\$10,092.50	Trail Work

	for ATV/UTV use, as well as more effective cattle discouragement. These are for OHV motorized trails only.					
3	Millard County Trail Maintenance: Millard County Tourism seeks funding to acquire a Trail Dozer to support trail maintenance and upkeep on over 1,000 miles of multi-use trails. The project will utilize both mechanized and hand tools, support worker compensation, and assist in trail assessments. It will aid the Forest Service, BLM, and County Road Dept. in preserving access and sustainability.	Millard County Tourism	\$170,975.50	\$123,682.00	\$123,682.00	Trail Work
4	Dixie N.F. - IIC - OHV Pine Valley and Cedar City District OHV Trail System: This project would provide four interns for two summer seasons to complete 50+ miles of motorized trail maintenance, including logging out, brushing, tread work, and signing. This maintenance will take place on the trail systems of the Dixie National Forest.	Southern Utah University	\$243,847.83	\$176,619.98	\$176,619.98	Trail Work
5	Fivemile Pass Recreation Area Restroom Maintenance and Kiosk Installation: To address the toll 12-plus years of heavy use and vandalism have had on staging area amenities at Fivemile Pass Recreation Area, The BLM Salt Lake Field Office is seeking funds to improve existing restrooms and install new kiosks at 7 locations that directly support off-highway vehicle recreation in northern Utah. By improving existing amenities, SLFO hopes to enhance public health and sanitation at Fivemile Pass and better disseminate critical user safety and resource protection guidelines.	Bureau of Land Management - Salt Lake Field Office	\$76,198.96	\$53,300.96	\$53,300.96	Trail Work
6	SE UT Singletrack Maintenance: This project will do major maintenance of motorized singletrack at Sovereign	Ride with Respect	\$51,060.00	\$35,764.00	\$35,764.00	Trail Work

	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 of singletrack riders.					
7	Badlands, Robbers Roost & Poison Springs Trail Support Initiative: This project will help get trails ready by working with agencies to get the needed approvals before putting up signs or starting any major work. It will support travel and fuel costs for volunteers and the project lead, mainly for the Badlands, Robber’s Roost, and Poison Springs Trail Systems. Some funding will also go toward buying signs, stickers, and other materials to keep things moving forward.	Utah OHV Advocates	\$45,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	Trail Work
8	Steinaker Draw Trail/Road Cattle Guards: Uintah County is proposing the installation of two cattle guards on Steinaker Draw Road, a historic county trail/road and key access point for the Moonshine Arch and Red Mountain Trail system. This project will replace restrictive gates that have blocked public access in recent years, resolving long-standing conflicts and ensuring continued use by OHV users. This solution will enhance trail connectivity, improve user experience, and provide a practical solution. The council elected to increase funding for this project to include a third cattle guard, recognizing that three are necessary to adequately resolve the issue, whereas the applicant had only requested two.	Uintah County	\$28,782.72	\$15,000.00	\$22,500.00	Trail Work

9	Color Country OHV Trail Maintenance - Fall 2025: The project is mainly to support trail maintenance through equipment operations, equipment maintenance, and the purchase of a 6-way blade for the skid steer. Trails needing attention are those identified by BLM and Forest Service during our annual coordination meeting each spring.	Iron County	\$44,699.00	\$33,550.00	\$33,550.00	Trail Work
10	Gunnison City - G Hill Trail Improvement: Improving an existing access road and natural surface parking area on State Trust Lands for the 700-acre G Hill recreation area located in Sanpete County, northeast of Gunnison City. The parking area will become a trailhead to over 6 miles of ATV/motorbike playground trails and more than 11 miles of non-motorized trails. This project was awarded funding with the understanding that program staff will engage SITLA to explore the possibility of a cost-sharing contribution.	Gunnison City	\$120,450.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	Trail Work
11	Seasonal Trails Crew 26-27: Uintah County is requesting continued funding to support its seasonal two-person trail crew for the 2026 and 2027 seasons. Since 2024, the crew has maintained and improved OHV trails in Uintah County by repairing damage, clearing debris, installing signage, and assisting with trail projects and events. Their ongoing work ensures trail safety, accessibility, and sustainability, with plans to expand signage efforts, stabilize and repair trails, and enhance the OHV trail network in Uintah County.	Uintah County	\$90,020.00	\$75,120.00	\$75,120.00	Trail Work
12	Trail Beautification and Improvements at FISP: Fremont	Fremont Indian	\$153,596.35	\$99,539.50	\$99,539.50	Trail Work

	Indian State Park is a park that offers it all. From cultural heritage, hiking trails, outdoor education, to OHV trails and camping. The existing trails and trailheads within our park have seen increased visitation and are in need of updating and improvements. This project will focus on updating trail equipment for staff, hiring seasonal trail workers, updating trailhead facilities, grooming current trails, updating trail signage, and improving the overall visitor experience.	State Park & Museum				
16	Juab Search and Rescue Snowmobiles: In order to better serve the citizens in Juab County with winter rescue efforts, Juab Search and Rescue wants to purchase two snowmobiles. These will be used to access the remote areas of Juab County during the winter months when the snow makes all other forms of travel impossible.	Juab County Sheriff's Office	\$37,500.00	\$28,125.00	\$28,125.00	Search and Rescue
17	GCSAR OHV Update and Refresh: Grand County Search and Rescue responds to a large number of calls in remote areas, and many of these areas are accessible by UTVs, the backbone of GCSAR. It is not uncommon to have 3 simultaneous calls. Our professional responders need updated response vehicles to access these patients in need of help. GCSAR is looking to replace 2 aging UTVs with 2 new units to ensure a dependable backup fleet for when vehicles have mechanical failure or for responding to multiple simultaneous operations.	Grand County Search and Rescue	\$82,231.80	\$61,673.85	\$61,673.85	Search and Rescue
18	Summit County SAR: This project will provide Motorola APX8000 radios to Summit County Search and Rescue to improve communication, coordination, and safety during OHV-related emergency responses. These	Summit County Search and Rescue	\$149,431.52	\$104,602.06	\$52,300.00	Search and Rescue

	<p>multi-band radios ensure interoperability with other agencies and reliable coverage in remote terrain, supporting safe and effective OHV recreation throughout Summit County.</p> <p>The council voted to reduce the funding by half, approving the purchase of 14 radios rather than the 28 originally requested.</p>					
19	<p>SAR Electric Dirt Bikes: We would like to purchase 2 electric motorcycles. This will have a small footprint and provide quick access to areas of the county that would otherwise be inaccessible, or too much of a time constraint to provide the best rescue efforts with other means as traditional hiking.</p>	<p>Washington County Sheriff's Office</p>	<p>\$11,000.00</p>	<p>\$8,250.00</p>	<p>\$8,250.00</p>	<p>Search and Rescue</p>
20	<p>NTFD Emergency Medical & Rescue Response to Recreation Request Part 2: The North Tooele Fire District (NTFD) is requesting supplemental funding through the OHVR Program to further expand its emergency medical and rescue response capacity for OHV-related incidents along the I-80 corridor and on surrounding Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. Following the successful acquisition of core off-road response vehicles and equipment in 2025, this Part 2 request builds on that momentum by introducing new response tools and investing in advanced OHV safety training.</p> <p>The request included \$10,000 for employee OHV training; however, after consultation with the Law Enforcement OHV Program Manager, it was determined that the applicant could receive this training through the DNR at no cost, making the funding unnecessary.</p>	<p>North Tooele Fire Protection Service District</p>	<p>\$36,750.00</p>	<p>\$27,500.00</p>	<p>\$17,500.00</p>	<p>Search and Rescue</p>

21	Cache County Search and Rescue - e Bikes: The Cache County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team is seeking to purchase quality e-bikes that can withstand the strenuous demands of search and rescue call-outs. Our experience with lower-quality e-bikes has shown us the importance of investing in durable equipment.	Cache County	\$19,599.98	\$13,599.98	\$13,599.98	Search and Rescue
22	Enhancing Search and Rescue Efforts Through Unmanned Aerial Systems: Acquisition of Two (2) DJI M30 Drones with Thermal Sensors to Support All-Weather Search and Rescue Operations in Salt Lake County, with Occasional Assistance Provided to Surrounding Regions. This project requested funding for two drones to assist with search and rescue operations in Salt Lake County, which contains approximately four miles of OHV trails. After deliberation, the council determined there was a need to support non-motorized users and approved funding for one drone rather than the two requested.	Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office	\$15,100.00	\$19,000.00	\$9,500.00	Search and Rescue
23	Professionalizing the Leadership of UPLA: This grant will enable the Utah Public Lands Alliance (UPLA) to hire an Executive Director (ED) to protect and enhance OHV recreation opportunities. The ED will be UPLA's principal public representative to conduct outreach and education across Utah, developing relations with local clubs, communities, and land managers to cultivate understanding and achieve common goals. The ED will also cooperate with our natural resource consultant to participate in public lands planning.	Utah Public Lands Alliance	\$242,789.40	\$181,280.00	\$181,280.00	Access Protection
24	Moab Motorized Trail Ambassador	Grand County	\$158,646.15	\$196,314.30	\$98,157.15	Education

	<p>Program: Phase 2: Since 2023, Grand County's OHV Trail Ambassador Program has provided educational resources and promoted safe and responsible recreation to over 10,000 motorized users in the Moab area. This application seeks funding to continue this essential program and, in response to local needs, expand the scope of the Ambassador program to support stewardship efforts on motorized trails.</p> <p>Given the uncertainty regarding whether this program will transition to a nonprofit or another entity, the council elected to fund the project at half of the requested amount and approved a one-year contract. This approach ensures the program will not be left without support when its current contract ends, allowing education efforts in Grand County to continue if the program is not established elsewhere.</p>	Economic Development				
26	<p>Tread Lightly! Utah 2025 - 2027: Tread Lightly! is requesting funding to support a Utah-specific program manager who will operate a state-wide outdoor recreation ethics and stewardship/conservation program. The program manager will implement all aspects of the program, including public outreach, development and dissemination of educational materials, event attendance, and execution of stewardship projects.</p>	Tread Lightly	\$296,440.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Education
27	<p>Emery County Trails Maps: Emery County will use the funds to design, produce, and distribute trail maps for local and visiting outdoor enthusiasts. These maps will support public education, promote responsible recreation, protect natural resources, and reduce the frequency of search</p>	Emery County Travel Bureau	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	Education

	and rescue efforts.					
28	<p>SLC Built Jeeps Education: This project is all about building a community of skilled and responsible off-road drivers here in Utah. Through our partnership with SLC Built Jeeps, we'll offer practical, hands-on training that covers the core skills every driver needs: trail etiquette, safe recovery methods, basic trail maintenance, vehicle upkeep, and clear communication on the trail. By teaching essential skills, we can prevent trail damage and keep our public lands healthy and accessible for everyone, for years to come.</p> <p>The applicant initially requested funding for vehicle lights to demonstrate safe night riding; however, the council determined this was not an appropriate educational item and removed it from the budget.</p>	SLC Built Jeeps	\$22,349.90	\$15,849.90	\$10,849.90	Education
29	<p>Logan Canyon Grooming Program: The foundation will supplement winter trail grooming for snowmobilers performed by Utah State Parks through the lease of a snowcat in the upper Logan Canyon area. We completed year one (1) this past winter season. Usage in that area has continued to increase year on year. We would be doing the major trail heads leaving from Beaver Creek and the Swan Flats area, being connected by the Amazon trail. The end goal is a consistent, safe, enjoyable experience for all levels of riders.</p>	The Bear Lake Trails Foundation	\$107,340.00	\$80,875.00	\$80,875.00	Snowmobile
30	<p>Motorized Avalanche Forecasting: This project supports avalanche forecasting and education for motorized users in Utah. Additional funding addressing a 56% increase in</p>	Utah Avalanche Center	\$135,107.04	\$94,543.04	\$94,543.04	Snowmobile

	our Collection Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. OHVR funds will help maintain daily forecasts, field ops, and motorized outreach in key zones—preserving vital resources for motorized education and directly improving safety for Utah’s winter motorized recreation community.					
31	Dinoland Trails Promotion: Uintah County seeks \$37,500 in state funding to supplement its \$12,500 investment for a \$50,000 OHV marketing initiative. This campaign, running September 2025 - May 2026, will target OHV enthusiasts across the Wasatch Front and surrounding states via digital ads (social, banner, radio, YouTube) to promote our diverse trails and the Outlaw ATV Jamboree.	Uintah County Travel and Tourism	\$50,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	OHV Tourism
32	Richfield, Utah OHV Grant 2025-2026: Sevier County would like to use this funding to promote the wide range of Snowmobiling and OHV trails throughout the county for year-round exposure. We will create campaigns targeting snowmobile and OHV enthusiasts across the Wasatch Front but also regional out-of-state drive markets in CA, CO, AZ, NV, WY, and ID. We'll target this audience with digital channels such as social media ads, digital radio, digital billboards, and YouTube ads.	Sevier County Tourism	\$50,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	OHV Tourism
33	Cache Valley Winter Snowmobile Promotion: Cache Valley Visitors Bureau seeks \$37,500 in state funding to launch a four-month winter marketing campaign (November 2025-March 2026) showcasing its pristine landscapes, groomed trails, and fewer crowds to snowmobile enthusiasts in the Wasatch Front, Front, Southeast Idaho, Boise, Southwest Wyoming, Grand Junction,	Cache Valley Visitors Bureau/Explore Logan	\$50,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	OHV Tourism

	and Denver. This campaign, supported by a \$12,500 county investment, will utilize social media, Google Performance Max, and digital radio/podcast ads to drive winter tourism.					
34	OHV Staging Area - Land Purchase: This grant will support the purchase of 3 acres of land for the development of a new OHV staging area.	Sand Rock Ridge Riders ATV Club	\$91,045.00	\$82,045.00	\$82,045.00	Land Acquisition
			Total Project Cost	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	
Total of the 30 Grants Recommended for Funding:			\$2,706,481.27	\$1,946,368.27	\$1,778,859.06	