

BIENNIAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

September 1, 2016



Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources



BACKGROUND

The Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles was established on July 1, 2011, to promote the responsible use of recreational off-highway vehicles pursuant to NRS 490. The Commission has granting authority for OHV registration fee proceeds, with grants given in accordance with approved regulations. Grants are currently provided for law enforcement, education/public awareness and OHV trail management and development.

RECENT ACTIONS

The Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles was placed within the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in May 2016. This was done in part through an Interim Finance Committee action that created an executive budget for the OHV Commission within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources fiscal structure. An FY 18-19 Executive Budget for Budget Account 4285 is being prepared by the DCNR Director's Office and will be considered by the Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees as part of the 2017 Session of the Nevada Legislature. This will be the first time the proposed use of Commission funds will be considered both by the Executive and Legislative branches during a regular session. The DCNR Director's Office has also prepared a Bill Draft Request that in part complements the budget approach outlined in the Department's budget submittal.

Further, on June 20, 2016, DCNR hired a part-time classified staff person to manage the OHV grant program and act as executive secretary to the board. This individual has extensive experience managing grant programs, most recently related to recreational trails, and has been with resource agencies throughout her lengthy career. DCNR currently has eleven boards, councils or commissions within the Department and will be managing this commission and program consistent with its other boards.





FISCAL STATUS

Senate Bill 492 of the 2015 Legislature became effective July 1, 2015 and requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), at least once each fiscal quarter, to transfer any amount in excess of \$150,000 to the Account for Off-Highway vehicles as created by NRS 490.069. DMV began transferring revenue in July 2015 and has continued transfers each quarter.

Prior to becoming part of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in May 2016, the Commission funds were held in an outside bank account. The outside bank account was closed on August 10, 2016, after all remaining funds were moved into State Budget Account 4285 within DCNR, Agency 703. Total fiscal year 2016 revenue transferred by DMV to the Commission was \$1,284,586.83. The below table shows the revenue and expenditure recap for calendar year 2016 as of June 30, 2016.

2016 OHV REVENUE & EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW

Account Balance as of 1/1/16*	\$ 1,961,655.83
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*Includes 1st Qtr FY16 DMV revenue transfer of \$697,149.53

Revenue	
2nd Qtr DMV Revenue Transfer to OHV Commission	\$ 169,335.45
3rd Qtr DMV Revenue Transfer to OHV Commission	\$ 197,860.18
4th Qtr DMV Revenue Transfer to OHV Commission	\$ 220,241.67
Total Revenue	\$ 2,549,093.13

Expenses	
Administration	\$ (34,225.98)
Law Enforcement Grants	\$ (94,743.69)
Safety & Education Grants	\$ (81,665.16)
Total Expenditures	\$ (210,634.83)

Account Balance as of 6/30/16	\$ 2,338,458.30
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Genoa Road



Nevada Outdoor School ATV Safety Course



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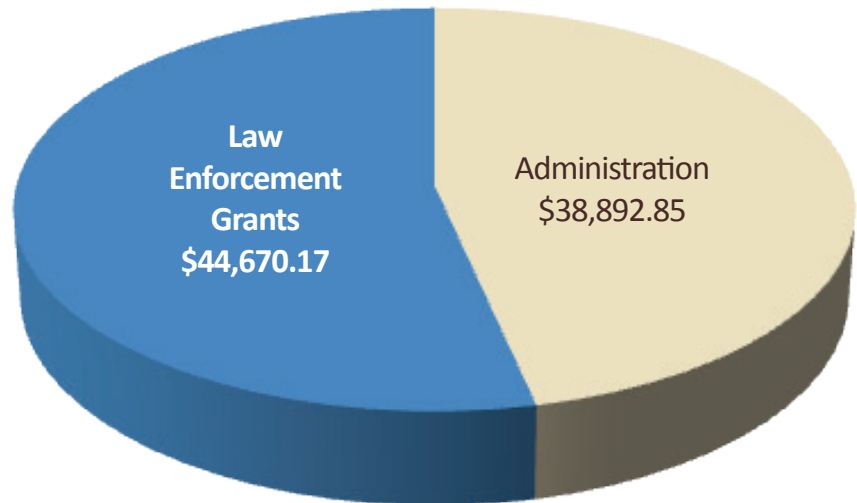
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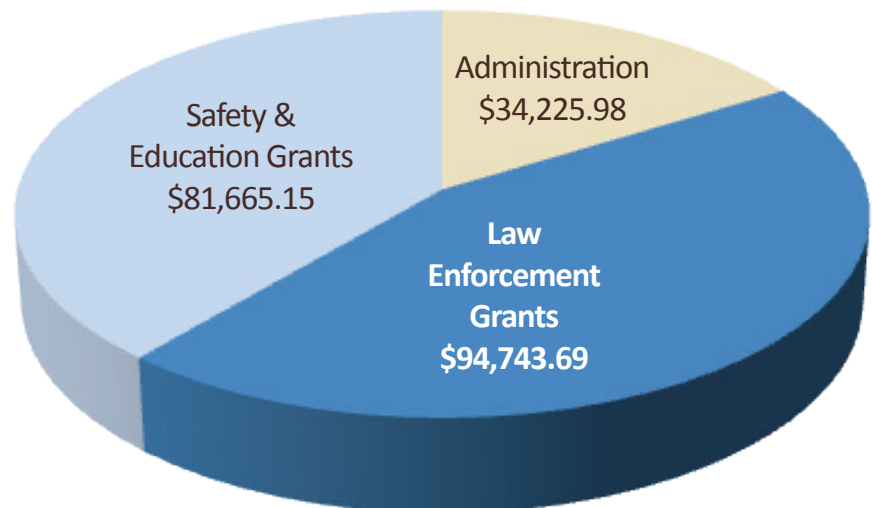
FISCAL STATUS, CONTINUED

Calendar year 2016 expenditures as of June 30, 2016, total \$210,634.83. The charts below show expenditures for both calendar year 2015 and calendar year 2016.

**Off-Highway Vehicles Program
Calendar Year 2015
Expenditures - \$83,563.02**



**Off-Highway Vehicles Program
Calendar Year 2016 YTD
Expenditures - \$210,634.82**



NOTE: The revenue and expenditure information detailed in this report includes transactions that occurred in both the outside bank account and within Budget Account 4285.



GRANT PROGRAM STATUS

An analysis of the granting process and active outreach to applicants is occurring as the new staff member within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources assumes the program. The goal is to increase the number of eligible applications for consideration and aggressively award funds. Staff has developed a grant tracking and reporting process that is based on a similar system that has met with audit approval. There are currently 11 active grants totaling \$469,107.00, and one \$50,000 Interlocal Agreement with Clark County for a total of \$519,107.00 currently obligated. There are eight closed grants totaling \$167,088. The OHV program has awarded a total of \$686,195 since its inception.

2015 - Nine law enforcement grants were awarded to entities throughout the state, and eight are completed. One is in the extension process. The total award was \$186,205.

Douglas County	\$ 20,000	Mineral County	\$ 21,000
Humboldt County	\$ 19,117	Nevada Wildlife	\$ 29,135
Lincoln County	\$ 25,500	Washoe County SO	\$ 14,000
Lyon County	\$ 26,453	White Pine County	\$ 10,000
Mesquite PD	\$ 21,000		

2016 - Six law enforcement grants were awarded in June and July of 2016. They are all in progress. The total award was \$210,490.

Mineral County	\$ 14,668	Douglas County	\$ 20,000
Nye County	\$ 84,580	Mesquite PD	\$ 32,800
Esmeralda County	\$ 25,000	Elko County	\$ 33,442

2016 - Outreach and education grants awarded total \$46,500. All are in progress.

Nevada Outdoor School	\$ 10,000	Off-Road Business Association/Economic Study	\$ 36,500
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At the end of April 2016, an Interlocal Agreement for development of an outreach and marketing program was completed and is in progress (\$50,000). This agreement is between the Commission and the Desert Conservation Program through Clark County. The goal of this project is to increase OHV user registration throughout Nevada. This will be accomplished through development of a marketing strategy and communications plan that promotes the Nevada OHV Registration Program.

2016 - Trails projects awarded total \$193,000. One is complete and one in progress.

Off-Road Business Assoc/Genoa Road OHV Trails	\$ 60,000	Partners in Conservation Logandale Trails	\$ 133,000
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In addition, a second 2016 grant round is currently underway and proposals have been received and are under review. These proposals are for education, outreach and trails projects. The proposals will be scored and awards determined by the Commission at its meeting on October 6, 2016. There are six grants under consideration with a total ask of \$482,201.00.