

# Technical Advisory Committee Review: Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Grants Summer 2023

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## 1. Peavine Maze Connectivity and Restoration – Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

- Funding Request: 280,997
- Matching Funds: 31,370
- Funding was previously awarded to Reno Area Dirt Riders for this project. Grant was not expended and returned to OHV fund.
- New grant increases scope of work with a grant recipient (SBTS) that is more experienced with large scale planning projects.

## 2. Storey County NRS 490 Enforcement education & outreach

- Funding Request: 67,070
- Well rounded application focused on NRS 490 enforcement year round, and attendance at public events. Strong list of partners for events and outreach, combined with consistent patrols on OHV trails around Storey County.
- Proposes to use officer staff time as matching funds,

## 3. Stagecoach OHV trail

- Funding Request: 22,015
- Conservation project hosted on Private land owned by the Nature Conservancy. Project aims to reduce OHV traffic in a riparian area and resign the correct route to OHV trails. Funding is also requested for construction of a walking trail that may be accessed by OHV users from the parking area.
- Concerns about duplicating land use letters and letters of support for project on private land. The project has great conservation initiatives to preserve access and restore riparian habitat damaged by OHVs. Partnerships with Beatty community may encourage responsible tourism. Strong advocates for multi-use recreation opportunities.
- Recommend partial funding, remove costs for walking trail.

#### 4. Mineral County OHV Staging Area – Mineral County

- Funding Request: 165,642
- Funding will be used to further develop the Mineral County staging area in Hawthorne NV.
- Recommend funding for CXT Restroom facility through Statewide Contract contingent upon receiving funding for covered parking structures. Covered parking structures are not a good use of OHV funds.
- Good connections from Hawthorne to other points of interest in Mineral and surrounding counties. Fits into mineral county / Hawthorne tourism plan; hotel rooms in Hawthorne are plenty and often underutilized. Good access to Walker Lake.

#### 5. Lincoln County OHV Staging Area Planning – LCAT

- Funding requested: \$ 17,538
- Match: \$ 9,112
- Letters of support are not from traditional Non profit agencies.
  - o Per NRS 231.009 defines Lincoln County Regional Development Authority, letter of support is accepted.
- Planning grant aims to invest funds in public scoping to determine an ideal location for an OHV trailhead in Lincoln County. Pioche may be a more suitable location for the staging area, however landowner letter comes from City of Caliente.
- Focus of the grant is to provide opportunities for OHV recreation from the Silver State Trail into a rural community for services.
- Training component noted with Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is welcomed but unclear how it relates to public scoping for an OHV trailhead. Opportunities for further partnerships exist outside the scope of this grant
- Lincoln County is heavily invested in other grant projects focused on bringing tourism to the County.
- Typo in timeline should be 2024

#### 6. Nevada Ride Safe Ride Smart OHV Safety Education – Nevada Outdoor School

- Funding requested: 108,221
- Match: \$ 51,862
- What is the participation rate in the programs for hands on OHV training, outdoor education, and online OHV safety Course?
- Funding is requested to continue operations and includes line items for finance staff, directors and program staff. **\$ 79,864 in salary costs**
- Positive history of Education and Safety Training Projects, no clear sustainability plan for future program growth.
- What are the metrics for success of this program?
  - o is the cost per child for the OHV course? How many safety courses/ TL! Certificates/Etc have been hosted?

**7. Southern Nevada Trail Cleanups – Vegas Valley 4WD**

Funding Requested: \$20,000

Match: \$ 20,000

Positive History of OHV cleanup projects, significant investment from OHV grants at Logandale trails.

- Poor answers to section 5 questions; responses do not answer each question clearly. Many responses require assumptions from the reader.
- Proposes to host one event every other month for two years. VV4WD has great outreach, well run public events with attention to safety.
- Club is a full size 4wd group that does require OHV stickers.

**8. Farmy's Offroad Park – Farmy's Inc**

Funding Requested: 297,998

- Good partnerships with City of Yerington,
- Needed extrapolation and assumptions to understand section 5 answers. Answers were based on a completed OHV park, which would provide a site for events, training, law enforcement, etc. the current site has no amenities to support these OHV topics. Application answers does not describe the need of Well on site: for an OHV rider, use of a watered track is necessary, however to those outside the OHV community, this use of funds is not clear.

Ongoing site maintenance is not discussed. There is no description of what will be constructed for 200k track build. What off road events would the track be used for?

**9. Ride Hard Ride Safe and Educate – Trespasser Productions**

Requested Fund: 74,992

Match: 0

- Good distribution plan, may be better suited to contract.
- High cost per video
- No partnering or leveraged funds.

**10. Ol' Highway 93 Staging Area – Reed Perkins**

- Funding requested: 376,778
- Match: \$ 438,500 (cost of land)
- Use of grant funds to build phase one of small business. No return on investment to state OHV fund. Land Appraisal for 6 acres appears high
- No history of successful projects
- No qualifications for construction or trail building
- Grant is complete and eligible for funding

**11. NOHVP Marketing and Education – MXT Media**

- Discussion and TAC Recommendation focused on using administrative funding for these tasks, not grants.
- Grant Application is missing maps.