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NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NEVADA OHV GRANT APPLICATION
(REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS, APPENDIX A)

APPLICATIONS DUE:
December 19, 2022 at 5:00 PM, PST

SUBMIT: ONE FULL COLOR COPY
BY MAIL OR HAND DELIVERY
(8.5" X 11" ONLY. MAPS MAY BE 11"X17" NO LARGER)

AND

ONE SINGLE ELECTRONIC FILE; PDF VIA EMAIL NNarkhede@ohv.nv.gov
OR MEMORY DEVICE ENCLOSED WITH APPLICATION

TO: NEVADA DEPT. OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL
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NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION
Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

This application has FIVE sections which are all REQUIRED to be filled out in full. To avoid disqualification, all application areas must be concise and complete; certifications must be signed and dated.

SECTION I - PROJECT AND APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Project Name: Rural Community Outreach Training Program
2. Project Timeline: Calendar Year 2023
3. Applicant Name: **775 OFFROAD and RECOVERY (775OFR)**

Mailing address: P.O. BOX 4604 Carson City, NV 89702

Phone: (775) 238-3793 (24 Hour Hotline)

Email: inquiries@775ofr.com

4. Classification of Applicant: (check one)

Federal State County Local/Municipal Other: _____

Partnership ☒ **Non-profit** for Profit Individual

If the applicant is a corporate or legal entity, proof of good standing in the entity's state of incorporation is required. NAC 490.1345 (Note: grantees must have the capacity to implement and accomplish proposed project and properly administer awarded funds).

Steven C. LaMar / Director / 775 OFR

12/13/2022

Applicant Signature
(Chairperson/President/Authorized Official)

Date

5. Project Manager: Joseph Pickett, President, 775 OFR

Mailing address: 8855 Rancho Avenue, Stagecoach, NV 89429

Phone: (775) 580-5152

Email: jpickett@775ofr.com

Alternate Contact: Steven LaMar, Director, 775 OFR

Mailing address: 145 Day Lane, Smith, NV 89430

Phone: (209) 225-9069

Email: slamar@775ofr.com

6. Classification of Land Control: (*check all that apply*)

Federally managed public land ☒ **Private Land** County City

Other: _____

Lease; Attach copy of lease with expiration date.

R&PP; Attach copy of lease with expiration date.

If the proposed project is to be carried out on public land, attach any applicable written agreement with any government entity having jurisdiction over that land, including permits, leases, easements, and rights-of-way. NAC 490.135

7. Landowner: Joseph Pickett, President, 775 OFR

Mailing address: 8855 Rancho Avenue, Stagecoach, NV 89429

Phone: (775) 580-5152

Email: jpickett@775ofr.com

8. THE LANDOWNER MUST PROVIDE A LETTER STATING THAT:

a) N/A

The State may require the landowner/agency to be co-grantee on the grant agreement/contract.

9. PROJECT COSTS:

(grant request and matching funds directly related to the project)

State OHV Grant Request: \$ 5,002.00

Matching Funds: \$ 5,008.00

Total Project Amount : \$10,010.00

What are the sources or Partners for your leveraged (matching) funds?

Federal Private **x In-kind** City/County Other

Please describe additional funding source(s):

In-kind / Instruction to the general public at outreach locations (2 instructors at 8 hours per training syllabus - 4 per year, totaling 64 hours) / Administration of class delivery (1 hour administrative support per training syllabus - 4 per year, totaling 4 hours). Additional volunteer hours at outreach events (2 volunteers at 8 hours per event – totaling 64 hours).

10. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM PARTNERS are required:

- a) Confirming they agree to the terms of the grant; and
- b) That they are committed to providing match/cash or other tasks in the application that are assigned to them.

Additional Letters of Support may be attached at the end of this application (limit 3).

11. Project Type(s) (NRS 490.069 Sec.2c) check all that apply:

- ☐ Studies or planning for trails and facilities;
 - ☐ Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Studies.
 - ☐ Other studies _____
- ☐ Acquisition of land for trails and facilities
- ☐ Mapping and signing of trails and facilities
- ☐ Reconstruction, enhancement or maintenance of existing trails and facilities

- ☐ Construction of new trails and facilities
- ☐ Restoration of areas that have been damaged by the use of off-highway vehicles.
- ☐ The construction of trail features, trailheads, parking, or other ancillary facilities which minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas or important wildlife habitat areas.
- X Safety training and education related to the use of off highway vehicles and registration**
- ☐ Compliance and enforcement (See Appendix C, Enforcement Strategy example)

12. ALL TRAIL USERS: (*check all that apply*)

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single track motorcycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoe/ski |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATV quads | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dune buggy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UTV Side by side |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Course | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skills riding course | |

Please explain how you intend to manage user interactions:

Provide time/date training syllabus availability through the 775ofr.com website and Facebook page. Promote and advertise 775 OFR training availability at all organization functions and programs as well as press releases to local media and on-line services.

- 13. Scope of Work:** Please describe *exactly* what work will be completed. Programs, planning, NEPA, surveys, mapping, include miles of trail, trail type and other quantitative goals including a timeline for completing the work. NAC 490.1375. If purchase of equipment is included, please explain where/how it will be housed and maintained

1 - Provide hands-on industry recognized off-road driving and recovery training of off-road vehicles (UTVs – ATVs – SxSs – plated OHVs) to the general public in areas within the 775 Area Code where people cannot ordinarily attend training at 775 OFR's Training Facility in Stagecoach. The targeted areas will be Elko, Hawthorne, Tonopah and Winnemucca. 775 OFR Administrators typically contact local businesses, law

enforcement entities and the local BLM and/or USFS manager's to partner in the promotion of, and participation in, these training events. The training includes safe recovery practices, proper selection and use of recovery gear and tools, as well as practicable self-recovery techniques. Classes also include a section specifically related to safe, sound, responsible and legal trail riding practices, utilizing Tread Lightly's extensive Quick Tips for UTV, ROV and SxS, thus minimizing the impact on our recreational trails (treadlightly.org/learn/recreation-tips/utvohv). In addition, 775 OFR instructors discuss and provide copies of 'Your Guide to Off-Highway Vehicles in Nevada' brochures at all training sessions. Information therein includes, but is not limited to, the proper use of protective gear, discouraging impaired driving and excessive speeding, and encouraging timely and legal registration of vehicles. 775 OFR will also leverage resources found on OHV Nevada's website (ohv.nv.gov/resources#education), specifically playcleango, and others as may be appropriate.

14. Standards/Guidelines that will be applied to your project:

- ☒ NOHVCC Handbooks
- ☒ The Four-Wheeler's Bible, Allen and Weber
- ☒ Industry recognized / best practices Training Syllabuses.
- ☒ Tread Lightly and International 4WD Trainer's Association Practices

15. Has the applicant received funding from the OHV Program in the past?

☐ No ☒ Yes

Number of projects funded: One (1)

Amount of funding Received: \$ 5,000.00

Number of projects Completed: One (1)

SECTION II – LOCATION, MAPS, PHOTOS

Project Location:

County: **Elko County, Mineral County, Nye County, Humboldt County**

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: **Elko, Hawthorne, Tonopah, and Winnemucca**

Center of project: **Cities of Elko, Hawthorne, Tonopah, and Winnemucca**

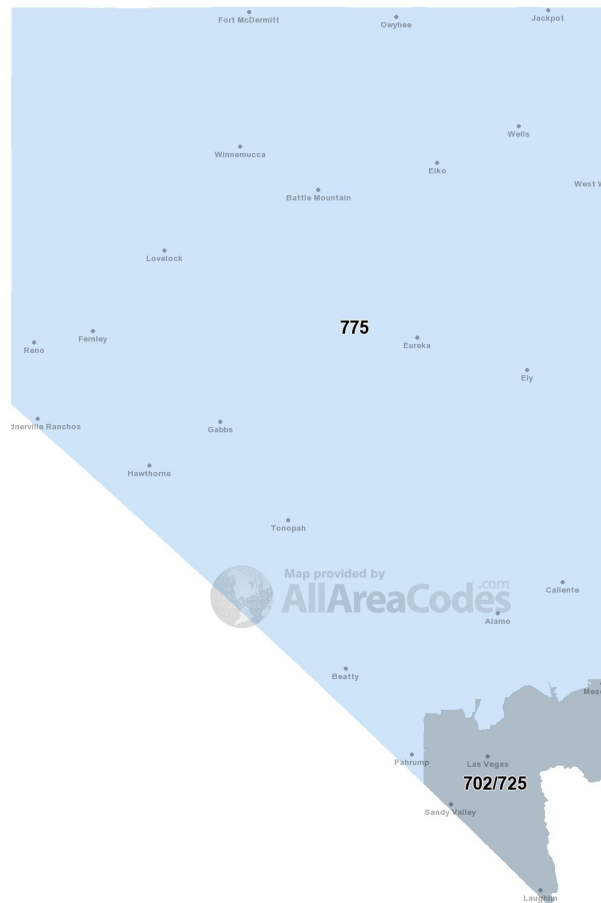
MAPS ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE APPLICATION. THEY ARE REQUIRED AND CONSIDERED PART OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT IF FUNDED.

Required Maps: for all maps please include a legend, north arrow, scale, and map name.

Topographic maps preferred. You may include *additional* aerial/google maps.

x General location map (showing project area within the state or county)

Area of Recovery Operations encompasses entire 775 Area Code area.



Please attach the following photographs:

- ❖ *At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances. (Good photographs at trail level and google aerials help the scoring committee to understand the location, depth and breadth of your project.)*

Being able to reach out and work with local contacts is imperative when 775 OFR doesn't have sufficient resources to make successful recoveries with volunteer's recovery equipment.



Having qualified recovery personnel in Nevada's rural communities allows for quicker response times, and reduces abandonment and vandalism of stranded vehicles.



Working with local BLM and USFS personnel ensures natural resources are protected, to the greatest extent possible, throughout the 775 Area Code when recoveries are conducted.



SECTION III - Federal Lands or Other

Federal Environmental Compliance

A. If Federal funds or Land are a part of the project and NEPA was completed, indicate which document was produced, and **please attach the decision document to this application:**

Record of Decision (ROD)

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Categorical Exclusion (CX)

SHPO 106 compliance/concurrence letter.

Other compliance documents already completed. (do not attached the EA or EIS)

x Not applicable

If NEPA or planning is a part of the project describe the steps in the Scope Section I, #13.

SECTION IV - BUDGET

Proposed Budget: Provide your budget details to include at a minimum the items in the following table. You may create your own spreadsheet.

- Your budget must align clearly with your scope of work from #13. Be specific, as your application will rate higher.
- Reminder: Include all sources of funds for the completion of the project including federal, in-kind, private/city/county and state funds.
- **Attach copies of estimates to support your budget and identify what each contract will include.**

775 OFF-ROAD and RECOVERY Grant Request Budget

Item Description	OHV Grant Request	Other Matching Funds	Total Cost
In-kind / 2 volunteer instructors (64 hours) and administrative support hours (4 hours), totaling 68 hours @ \$27.00 p/hour.		\$1,836.00	\$1,836.00
Instructor Travel (based on State of Nevada personal vehicle use rate of .2925 cents p/mile) 2 instructors round-trip travel from 775 OFR Training Facility in Stagecoach, NV to 4 locations stated in the Scope of Work – totaling 2,956 miles.	\$864.00		\$862.00
Instructor Meal Per-Diem (based on Federal meal rate of \$59.00 p/day as no State of Nevada meal per-diem rate could be found) for 2 instructors, totaling 4 days each.	\$472.00		\$472.00
In-kind / 2 additional volunteers to provide training support and event setup and tear down (based on same cost criteria as instructor meal/travel costs and 64 volunteer hours)		\$3,172.00	\$3172.00
Advertising / Promotional Materials - Typically includes, but is not limited to, newspaper advertising, radio spot advertising (PSAs that are no longer provided free of charge), posters and flyers, and promotional materials such as 775 OFR clothing, decals and recovery gear giveaways. Combined cost(s) of these items shall not exceed the requested funds in the Grant	\$3,666.00		\$3,666.00
Totals	\$5,002.00	\$5,008.00	\$10,010.00
Percentages	50%	50%	100%

SECTION V – PRIORITIES AND SCORING NARRATIVE

Grants will be scored based on answers to the Ten (10) criteria listed below. Each criteria carries a weight determined by the OHV Commission, voted upon during the public meeting on 9/7/2021. Please reference scoring criteria form.

1. Law Enforcement Strategy that addresses registration enforcement, including Public Education & Outreach aimed at increasing renewals and new registrations:

During training classes 775 OFR instructors will promote and emphasize the importance of current registration of all OHVs. We will also promote the importance of registering OHVs on 775ofr.com and our Facebook page. Training will also include other safety and responsibility tips as discussed in “Your Guide to Off-Road Highway Vehicles in Nevada” brochure.

2. Enhancement or Maintenance of existing trails and facilities:

775 OFR training serves as a proactive, rather than reactive, approach to trail enhancement and maintenance. In providing resources to assist disabled OHV owners in recovering their vehicles in a timely manner, it reduces abandonment of vehicles on the trails system. Failure to deploy and follow appropriate retrieval protocols adds unnecessary damage to Nevada’s OHV trails. Additionally, during training 775 OFR focuses on the negative environmental impacts a stranded and/or abandoned vehicles represent, and advocates Tread Lightly’s principles, as integral components of the curriculum. As mentioned earlier in the Scope of Work, 775 OFR will proactively offer hands-on driver training in hopes people will not need 775 OFR’s services.

3. Training:

Reaching out to the outlying communities, beyond the Reno / Sparks / Carson City metropolises, has never been more important. As the off-roading community is one of the most rapidly growing recreational endeavors, it is paramount the public understands the responsibilities that encompasses this hobby, re: (drivingline.com/articles/behind-the-trend-overlanding-is-more-popular-than-ever-but-what-exactly-is-it/, extremesportsx.com/2019/01/17/extreme-off-road-driving-growing-in-popularity/).

775 OFR Outreach Program focuses on training people in these far to reach communities not only in recovery practices, the instructors also strongly emphasize the principles of safe off-road vehicle use and appropriate ‘rules of the road’ standards. Providing properly trained personnel with the appropriate equipment to remove disabled and/or abandoned vehicles, OHVs, or plated vehicles adds significant value to the OHV community as 775 OFR’s training curriculum allows for a standard process and skill-set for vehicle recoveries.

Trail mapping and signing of existing trails and facilities:

N/A

4. Connectivity/Loops:

N/A

5. Planning, Environmental Studies, Conservation:

Removing disabled OHVs and plated vehicles mitigates the danger they pose to curious people and local wildlife. When disabled vehicles are abandoned, they pose significant environmental hazards including - but not limited to - leaking fluids, disintegrating and dispersal of loose vehicle parts and assemblies (ie., tires, broken glass, mechanical assemblies, etc.). All training classes emphasizes the need and importance of ‘reclaiming the trail’ in accordance to Tread Lightly’s protocols.

6. Access:

N/A

7. Partnering and Leverage:

775 OFFROAD and RECOVERY coordinates with multiple Local, State and Federal agencies for the services they currently provide. When 775 OFR reaches out to BLM, USFS, or BIA, the organization is usually recognized (when not recognized, it is most often due to us not having conducted a recovery in their jurisdictional area. These instances are becoming rarer as we conduct more recoveries and our reputation grows). Increasingly, Law Enforcement Agencies are referring stranded off-roaders to 775 OFR for recovery services. Towing companies throughout our operation area also refer stranded individuals to 775 OFR because they often don't have the resources, or equipment, to reach the areas where OHVs typically end up disabled.

8. Economic Integration:

In partnership with Public Lands Management, recovery of disabled OHVs and plated vehicles provides a positive off-road experience. The sooner disabled vehicles are removed, potential environmental hazards are mitigated and Public Lands agency's personnel are freed up from spending time dealing with situations they very often don't have the training, tools and/or resources to properly deal with. In summary, travelers in Nevada and Nevada residents have the highly trained volunteers of 775 OFR as a safety net should their OHV become disabled. No one wants a stranded person to become a person in need of rescue – causing a financial burden that greatly impacts local and often State law enforcement resources.

9. Demand for New Facilities:

N/A



November 10, 2021

Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Program
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
901 S. Stewart Street, Ste 1003
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Subject: 775 OFFROAD & RECOVERY

The Nevada Offroad Association (NVORA) supports the grant application submitted by the team at 775 Offroad & Recovery (775ORR).

NVORA staff had the opportunity to attend the initial formation meeting of 775ORR and was relieved that they were taking the steps to make their organization a legitimate presence within the offroad community. This process included following the process for forming a Nevada nonprofit, and a successful application to the IRS for the 501(c)(3) designation.

775ORR has also taken a realistic, thoughtful approach in providing safety and skill-based training that reflects the seriousness of their commitment.

This grant request will cover the expenses for continuing their training and adding a level of professionalism to their responders statewide.

With the astronomic increase of OHV use in Nevada, the expected amount of damaged, disabled OHV and larger vehicles, unable to be recovered by fellow riders is where groups like 75ORR add value. As their professionalism and availability becomes more standardized, they will be positioned to partner with stakeholders to remove vandalized or other abandoned vehicles in concert with federal and state regulations. The value in protecting the OHV community, as well as the natural resources and are a true force multiplier for our federal agencies tasked with managing vast amounts of Nevada's Public Lands.

Regards,

Mathew D. Giltner
Executive Director
Nevada Offroad Association

Kim Murcia
Associate Director
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Off-Highway Vehicle Program
C/O 775 Offroad and Recovery
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Carson City, NV 89701

10/18/2021

Dear Off-Highway Vehicle Program,

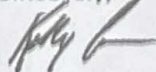
I was asked to write a letter to share my experience with 775 Offroad and Recovery. I am a retired CMSgt from the Air Force and was in charge of the survival section conducting all of the Aircrew's combat, water and desert survival training to include many SAR training and operations. I am currently a reservist with the NV State Department of Emergency Management and worked in operations over the past year for the states COVID-19 response and also during the Caldor fire. I joined 775 Offroad and Recovery earlier this year and have completed all my course and hands on training to be certified as a Level 3 recovery support responder.

It is my understanding they have applied for a grant to pay for a training program to improve the qualifications of their leaders and to provide a training program to its members and the public. The service they already provide is invaluable. There have been many occasions where individuals have stuck, trapped or disabled vehicles in hard to reach places across northern Nevada. In many cases, towing companies won't assist because of these hard to reach areas. For example a couple of months ago I responded to a vehicle that would not start in a deep ravine miles out in the Pine Nut Mountains which took 3 recovery vehicles and hours to get the truck and his two dogs out to the main road.

It is important for this organization to continue to grow and receive advanced training. In turn, they can improve their current training program for its members and anyone else who wants to learn. This organization provides amazing training and additional training would only enhance its capability to respond and recover our fellow Nevadans and anyone else who may become stranded on our lands.

Please award 775 Offroad and Recovery this grant as it will be a benefit to many members of our communities.

Sincerely,



Kelly Cavins