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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: Off-Road Tracked, Recovery Vehicle Acquisition Grant
2. Project Timeline: Calendar Year 2023
3. Applicant Name: **775 OFF-ROAD and RECOVERY (775 OFR)**

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:

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: \$ 35,000.00

Matching Funds: \$ 7,000.00

Total Project Amount : \$ 42,000.00

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):

Type here:

In-kind / Estimated 50 recoveries during winter season with approximately 4 hours per recovery (200 Hours @ \$27 p/hour = \$5400.00).

In-kind / Estimated fuel cost for 50 recoveries – Side x Side ONLY – 3 gallons per recovery (150 gallons @ \$4.50 per/gallon = \$675.00)

In-kind / Estimated member contributions to general up-keep (time and scheduled maintenance costs) and purchase/installation of Side x Side accessories (adding lighting for night operations, recovery points, tool racks, etc. = \$925.00)

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
- x Reconstruction, enhancement or maintenance of existing trails and facilities**
- ☐ Construction of new trails and facilities
- x 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Skills riding course | |

Please explain how you intend to manage user interactions:

Provide vehicle recovery availability information through the 775ofr.com website and Facebook page. Promote and advertise 775 OFR's recovery 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 – 775 OFR is requesting Grant Funds to acquire a multi-seated, tracked UTV Side x Side to conduct recoveries in areas of large accumulations of snow. In the past, when vehicles become stranded in these situations, recoveries have not been possible until there has been enough snow melt to reach the stranded vehicle. This can often mean the stranded vehicle is left at the location for an extended period of time, or abandoned altogether. When this happens, the likelihood of vehicles being vandalized and creating a Public Nuisance is greatly increased. When this occurs it can negatively impact the trail system for long periods of time.

2 – The importance of possessing a Side x Side, with a tracks system, cannot be overstated. In areas encountered by 775 OFR volunteers experience extremely heavy amounts of snow, a tracked vehicle is often the ONLY recovery vehicle that can safely transit the area. When 775 OFR cannot conduct a recovery with traditional recovery vehicles, the owner's of stranded vehicles will often attempt to retrieve their own vehicles. After significant snow-melts, trails can become virtual bogs and a recovery in these conditions can frequently cause extensive damage to the trail system and it's at this time that 775 OFR is called out for yet another recovery. If 775 OFR possessed a properly equipped Side x Side, more initial recoveries would be completed and the damage to trail systems would be greatly reduced. The less damage done, the less time needed to conduct maintenance activities – a win, win situation for those who use the trails and those tasked with maintaining them.

3 – As off-roading has become more and more a 'family' pastime, one disabled vehicle often involves multiple people being stranded in a cold and hostile environment until 775 OFR volunteers can reach them. With this properly equipped UTV Side x Side, when 775 OFR reaches them, they will be afforded a relatively inviting and comfortable respite from the harsh elements they've been stuck in until help could arrive.

4 – In those times of the year where snow-tracks are not needed, this equipment will augment 775 OFR recovery efforts into areas where access by larger recovery vehicles is not practicable, thus minimizing damage to, and/or destroying those particular trail areas.

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

- ☒ NOHVCC Handbooks
- ☒ The Four-Wheeler's Bible, Allen and Weber
- ☒ Industry recognized / best recovery practices.
- ☒ Tread Lightly trail protocols

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: Lyon County

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Stagecoach, NV

Center of project: Encompasses the entire 775 Area Code

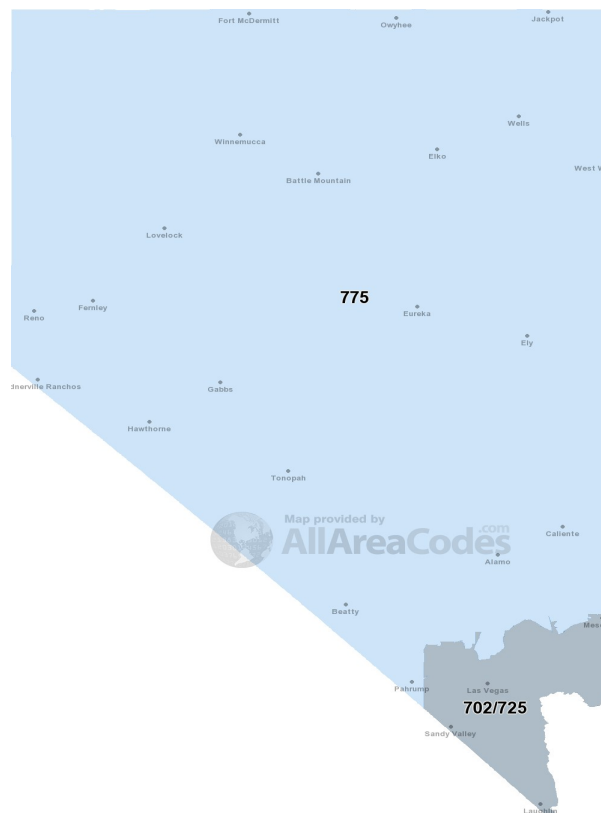
MAPS ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE APPLICATION. THEY ARE REQUIRED AND CONSIDERED PART OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT IF FUNDED.

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.)*

Recovery situations where a tracked Side x Side is the best resource to assess what equipment and/or techniques are needed to ensure traditional recovery vehicles also do not become stranded.



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
1 – Base Model Side x Side – Not to exceed \$22,000.00.	\$22,000.00		\$22,000.00
Accessories – front mount 6,000 lbs. winch, front and rear canvas zip window doors, roof, heater, full polycarbonate windshield, snow track system, track mount kit, rear cab panel / Not to exceed \$13,000.00	\$13,000.00		\$13,000.00
In-kind 775 OFR contribution – See Section 1, paragraph 9 for itemized breakdown		\$7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
NOTE: The proposed budget is based on the MSRP of a Base Model Side X Side and is for representative purposes ONLY. A Sales Agreement of a Brand/Model of Side x Side shall be provided prior to any funding. The cost figures included here would be the MAXIMUM 775 OFR would be requesting for Grant approval and acceptance.			
Totals	\$35,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$42,000.00
Percentages	83%	27%	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:

The acquired vehicle shall be registered and insured at all times. Registered Owner and Legal Ownership shall be determined by OHV Nevada with all regular scheduled maintenance to be performed in the manner of time required by the vehicle manufacturer. Any accessory additions to the vehicle, outside of those done by the manufacturer, shall comply with all State of Nevada agency(ies) rules and regulations, as it pertains to that vehicle. Other than when the vehicle is being used for recovery activities, it shall be securely stored at 775 OFR's training facility.

2. Enhancement or Maintenance of existing trails and facilities:

Removing disabled OHVs and plated vehicles mitigates the danger they pose to curious people and local wildlife. When disabled vehicles become 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.). 775 OFR provides a proactive solution to trail maintenance and enhancement by eliminating these hazards before they impact the trail system. Upon completion of vehicle recoveries, 775 OFR emphasizes the need and importance of 'reclaiming the trail' in accordance to Tread Lightly's protocols.

3. Training:

As this vehicle will be stored at 775 OFR's Training Facility, it will also be used for training both 775 volunteers and the general public in the proper procedures for using an UTV Side x Side for recovery purposes. Because a UTV has many different vehicle characteristics than a traditional vehicle, it is important trainees gain the knowledge of the inherent differences involved when using this vehicle for recovery purposes.

4. Trail mapping and signing of existing trails and facilities:

N/A

5. Connectivity/Loops:

N/A

6. Planning, Environmental Studies, Conservation:

At the direction of Public Lands Management, abandoned vehicles can be safely removed by highly trained teams when they are provisioned with proper and reliable equipment. Additionally, providing resources to assist disabled OHV owners remove their vehicles in a timely manner reduces additional abandonment on the trails system and minimizes the need for trail restoration and maintenance.

7. Access:

N/A

8. 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 particular 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 many OHVs become disabled.

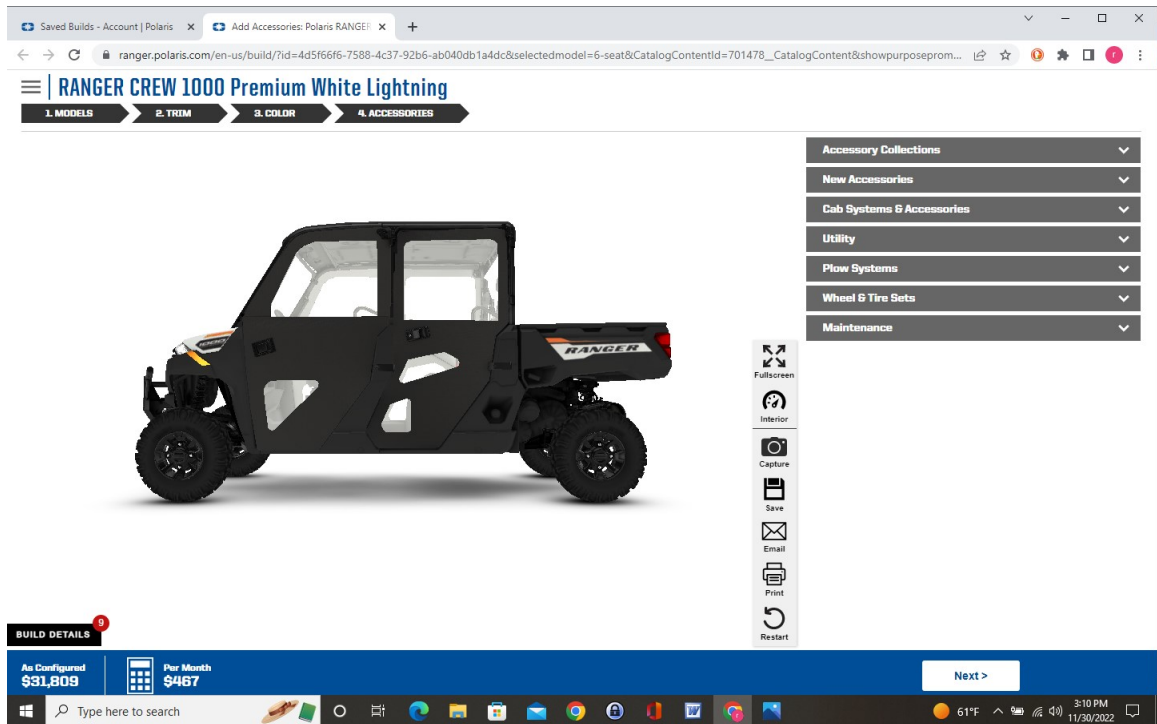
9. Economic Integration:

In partnership with Public Lands Management, recovery of disabled OHVs and plated vehicles provides for a positive off-road experience as travelers are not subject to riding through a site of a partially dismantled and vandalized vehicles. Also, the sooner disabled vehicles are removed, resulting environmental hazards are minimized and Public Lands Agency's personnel are freed up from having to spend time dealing with situations they, very often, don't have the training, tools and/or resources to properly accomplish. In summary, travelers in Nevada and Nevada residents now have the properly 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 times, State law enforcement resources.

10. Demand for New Facilities:

N/A

Typical Side x Side Build
(For representative purposes only, prices do not include Tax, Dealer Prep, etc.)
Actual Cost of any product and accessories purchased shall NOT Exceed \$ 35,000





November 10, 2021

Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Program
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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

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December 5, 2022

775 Offroad & Recovery, Northern Nevada Off-road Rescue

I went out Saturday afternoon for some casual snow Jeeping around Washoe Lake. Headed to the trails at Jumbo Grade OHV where I've driven dozens of times. At a slow uphill crawl, I apparently went over a rock that was 1" too high and it nicked the transmission fluid line. All the pink fluid sprayed out onto the snow and exhaust pipe, causing the whole vehicle to be engulfed in an enormous plume of white smoke, as if it had just performed an astounding magic trick. I was able to back down a steep grade and spin around real quick, using up the last of my allotted gear shifts. Then coasted down the hill a bit before I had to climb again and the engine/transmission was like "We ain't got no gears." And there I sat.

Sent a text to @775ofr (775-238-3793) and some details on the situation. Vehicle wasn't stuck in a ditch. Tires, steering, and brakes all worked fine. But couldn't run engine or drive out on its own. They quickly dispatched two drivers (Brad & Tony) and were able to pull/drag me down from the mountaintop.

Once at the pavement, I had to call AAA, but they don't really take calls anymore. (First time calling them in many years). Instead, the robot voice tells you to hang up and click the link they just sent. I did not like this process at all. What if you're in a location that can barely make a call and has no internet service coverage? Anyway, D&S Towing was nice enough to pick us up and drop off at the Jeep dealer in Carson. Hopefully the repair costs aren't too bad. But even after freezing my tail off for a few hours, I was super glad I had friends who would help me out!

David Matusiak