



# NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

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

## Applicant Information

**Organization**

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Name Title

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**Which best describes your organization? (Check one)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency         | <input type="checkbox"/> Community-Based Organization       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County/City Agency     | <input type="checkbox"/> For Profit                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local/Municipal Entity | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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).*

**Has the applicant previously received OHV Grant Program funding?**

No  Yes

**Does the applicant currently have open grants from the Nevada OHV Program?**

No  Yes

Number of projects funded: 8

Amount of funding received: \$ 377,820

Number of projects completed: 7

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** Ride Safe Ride Smart Education, Outreach and Resources

**Select all that describes the project type(s) NRS 490.069 Sec.2c?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OHV compliance and enforcement   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OHV safety training and education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Studies or planning for trails and facilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancement or maintenance                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mapping and signing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction of trails/facilities            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration of areas damaged by OHVs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of land                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction of trail features to minimize impacts on environmentally sensitive areas or important wildlife habitats |   |

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

OHV grant request	\$210,765
Matching Funds	\$80,148
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	<b>\$290,913</b>

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-kind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City/County | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____       |

Please describe leveraged (matching) funds (ex. another grant, volunteer hours, cash donation, etc.):

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 AmeriCorps Nevada -\$36,809 BLM – Statewide Assistance Agreement -\$25,000, Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative -\$7,800, Polaris TRAILS Grant - \$8,530, OHV Safety Course Parent and Partner volunteers, Youth Helmet Program Outreach volunteers -\$2,009

**User group(s) that will be able to utilize this project (check all that apply):**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Track Motorcycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiles           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATV/Quads               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dune Buggy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UTV/Side by Side        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bikers       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoers/Skiers                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____          |

If applicable, please explain how this project will aid with managing user interactions:

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Nevada Outdoor School's Ride Safe, Ride Smart (RSRS) programs are targeted to the Nevada OHV community. That being said, the education and outreach to this community also promotes safe, responsible and respectful interactions with all trail users. Through RSRS education and outreach, the Nevada OHV community are empowered with the motivation, knowledge and skills to know where to ride, trail etiquette, and how to respectfully interact with and lessen the likelihood of user conflicts.

### **Proposed Scope of Work**

Please describe exactly what work will be completed. Programs, planning, NEPA, surveys, mapping, include miles of trail, trail type and any other pertinent information (NAC 490.1375). If purchase of equipment is included, please explain where/how it will be housed and maintained.

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Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) has a strong Ride Safe, Ride Smart (RSRS) program promoting safe and responsible OHV recreation across Nevada. This grant funding will provide resources for NOS to continue and expand this education and outreach and encourage all current and potential OHV users in Nevada to understand what the laws and regulations for riding in Nevada are, how to safely operate their OHVs, and the importance of wearing a helmet (especially for youth). This funding will provide resources for the Nevada Free OHV Youth Helmet "Lids on Kids" program which puts lifesaving helmets on our youth in Nevada and sparks informative and needed conversations with our Nevada OHV community, meeting people where they are. Funding will also support NOS's helmet safety lessons for middle school and high school students. Additionally, grant funds will be used to implement NOS's RSRS 3 tiered marketing plan across the state focused on knowledge, skills and motivation. The first tier of this plan focusing on knowledge is promoting the online NV OHV Safety Certification program. Encouraging everyone who rides to invest the time in educating themselves and their families about how to ride safe and smart in Nevada. NOS uses grant funds to provide this online course hosted through Kalkomey free of charge. Our goal now is to "sell" this course and encourage all OHV users in Nevada to buy in to this valuable resource. We plan to promote this course through targeted media and ad campaigns specifically reaching out to our OHV communities and Nevadans at large. The second tier of this plan focusing on skills is to encourage people who have taken the online course to enroll in a hands-on OHV Safety training course or rider evaluation. NOS currently provides Side by Side and ATV hands-on rider courses and has developed a partnership with our local sheriff's office to provide MSR dirtbike courses. Through hands-on trainings, people develop, improve and/or reinforce safe and responsible riding practices. This is especially valuable for people new to OHV recreation, youth and families. The last tier of our RSRS marketing plan focuses on motivation. Once people commit to acquiring the knowledge and skills themselves, our goal is that they will be motivated to help us spread the RSRS message in their communities. This might look like inviting NOS to come present at a meeting, asking NOS to host a RSRS Youth Camp for their kids or community, or just

talking with their friends, family and community to promote the online course and hands-on trainings.

Through all these initiatives, education, outreach and marketing, Nevada OHV Program grant funds will promote a safe and responsible OHV culture here in Nevada.

**Project Deliverables**

Please describe *quantitative* outcomes for your project. Examples could include miles of trail created, number of enforcement overtime hours, presentations held, programs facilitated, users engaged, pounds of trash collected, etc.

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- Reach at least 5,000 middle school and high school Nevada students through helmet lessons in the schools.
- Attend at least 15 public events with the RSRS Road Show booth contacting over 3,000 Nevadans with the RSRS message.
- Host at least 8 RSRS Youth Rider Camps for 7-17 year olds.
- Certify over 250 people through the online NV OHV Safety Certification program.
- Host at least 8 hands-on OHV safety trainings and youth rider evaluations.
- Together with our partners, distribute 600 free youth OHV helmets around the state.

**Project Timeline:** Funding Agreements are two years unless specified. Please complete the table below providing a timeline of your project.

Quarter	Date	Project Goals	Deliverables
Q1	Jan-Mar, 25	Youth Helmet Safety Lessons (northern NV focus) RSRS Road Show Outreach Online NV OHV Safety Certification Marketing	Reach at least 2,000 6-12 <sup>th</sup> grade youth in Humboldt, Pershing, Lander, Elko, Eureka and White Pine Counties. Attend at least 3 public events contacting 1,000 Nevadans with the RSRS message. Certify 15 people through the online OHV Safety Certification program

Q2	Apr-Jun, 25	Sand Mountain Outreach/helmet distribution Virginia City Grand Prix Outreach/helmet distribution Road Shows Online NV OHV Safety Certification Marketing Two NOS Programs Coordinators attend ATV Safety Institute to become ATV Safety Instructors or ROHVA to become Side x Side Safety Instructors	Contact at least 300 people at high use OHV areas distributing 250 free youth helmets Attend at least 3 public events reaching 1,000 Nevadans with the RSRS message. Certify 20 people through the online OHV Safety Certification program
Q3	Jul-Sep, 25	RSRS Youth Rider Camps Online NV OHV Safety Certification Marketing	Host at least 2 RSRS youth rider camps/hands-on evaluations Certify 30 people through the Online OHV Safety Certification program
Q4	Oct-Dec, 25	Sand Mountain Outreach/helmet distribution Online NV OHV Safety Certification Marketing	Contact at least 200 people at high use OHV areas distributing 100 free youth helmets. Certify 30 people through the Online OHV Safety Certification program
Q1	Jan-Mar, 26	Youth Helmet Lessons (southern NV focus) Road Show Outreach Online NV OHV Safety Certification Marketing	Reach at least 3,000 6-12 <sup>th</sup> grade youth in southern Nevada through helmet lessons Attend at least 3 public events contacting over 1,000 Nevadans with the RSRS message. Certify 30 people through the Online OHV Safety Certification program

Q2	Apr-Jun, 26	<p>Sand Mountain Outreach/helmet distribution                  Virginia City Grand Prix                  Outreach/helmet distribution                  Hands-on OHV trainings                  Online NV OHV Safety Certification                  Marketing</p>	<p>Contact at least 300 people at high use OHV areas                  distributing 250 free youth helmets                  Attend at least 3 public events reaching 1,000 Nevadans with the RSRS message.                  Certify 30 people through the Online OHV Safety Certification program</p>
Q3	Jul-Sep, 26	<p>RS2 Youth Rider Camps                  Online NV OHV Safety Certification                  Marketing                  Hands-on Safety Courses</p>	<p>Host at least 2 RSRS youth rider camps/hands-on evaluations                  Host at least 2 hands-on OHV safety courses for the public                  Certify 50 people through the Online OHV Safety Certification program                  Host at least 2 hands-on OHV safety courses for the public</p>
Q4	Oct-Dec, 26	<p>Sand Mountain Outreach                  Online NV OHV Safety Certification                  Marketing                  Hands-on safety courses</p>	<p>Contact at least 200 people at high use OHV areas                  distributing 100 free youth helmets                  Certify 50 people through the online OHV Safety Certification program                  Host at least 2 hands-on OHV safety courses for the public</p>

**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 open meeting on 9/7/2021. Please reference Grant Manual Appendix A.

**Law Enforcement Strategy that addresses registration enforcement, including Public Education & Outreach aimed at increasing renewals and new registrations:** *How will your project increase the number of OHV registrations in the district. How will the equipment and time be used to increase OHV safety and awareness? Please reference the Law Enforcement Statistics reporting form.*

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Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) is highly effective at traveling around the state and talking with people about the Ride Safe, Ride Smart (RSRS) message. Part of that discussion at Road Show events, presentations, community programs and lessons is discussing OHV specific laws and regulations including Nevada OHV registration. When people see their registration dollars at work going back into supporting their OHV community they more likely to see the value to renew and register their OHV and encourage others to do the same. In the past, NOS has worked with local Sheriff's offices to bring our Road Show to community registration events. This is something NOS will continue to do as needed and requested.

Being a non-profit enables NOS to have honest and sometimes tricky conversations with the public that public agency or law enforcement entities might not be able to have. We capitalize on this advantage by listening to our OHV community and bringing the public's concerns (or complements) back to our partners in a positive and constructive conversation.

**Planning, Environmental Studies, Conservation:** *Describe how the environmental studies, conservation and/or planning will mitigate resources impacted by OHV recreation. How will your project contribute to the conservation of our natural resources, while enhancing OHV opportunities?*

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The Ride Safe, Ride Smart (RSRS) message is all about connecting with our OHV community in Nevada to ensure OHV recreation continues to be something for current and future Nevadans to enjoy. A big part of that is ensuring our OHV recreation areas are being used respectfully so that they stay open to the public. NOS partners with Tread Lightly! to promote the TREAD principles during our RSRS programs. NOS also has our own internal Action. Impact. Choice. (AIC) education model where we challenge participants to analyze their actions, evaluate the impact of those actions and choose wisely to positively impact their environment and minimize negative impacts whenever possible. When people take time to think about how their actions, both positive and negative, will impact themselves, their community and their ability to ride in the future, they are more likely to make choices while riding that contribute to the conservation of our natural resources while enhancing OHV opportunities for themselves and others.

**Enhancement or Maintenance of existing trails and facilities:** *How will maintenance needs be prioritized and how often will your project hold a maintenance/ trails*

*enhancement event? HOW will your project be maintained and WHO has committed to the ongoing maintenance of the facility or trail (note: a minimum of 2 maintenance/ trail events are required per year).*

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Through NOS's RSRS programming, we travel around the state connecting with members of our OHV community. Part of safe and smart OHV recreation is taking care of our riding areas and encouraging riders to actively maintain the places they love to ride. NOS travels to high use OHV recreation areas throughout the year such as Sand Mountain Recreation Area. These areas see high use and unfortunately can be highly impacted by poor choices. With NOS's presence at these events promoting the RSRS and AIC message, people are more likely to make wise choices to maintain or enhance those riding areas.

**Training:** *Please describe the goals and objectives of your public safety training program. Is it a nationally recognized certification? What sets your safety training program apart from the others?*

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OHV safety education and outreach is a big part of NOS's RSRS programming. Our goal is to reach as many people as possible around Nevada and beyond with the message of safe and smart OHV recreation. This includes providing people with the knowledge, skills and motivation to do so. Knowledge is the first step. Working with stakeholders from our Nevada OHV community, NOS teamed up with Kalkomey to create and launch an online NV OHV Safety Certification program for youth and adults. This course is designed off of National Curriculum utilized by many states across the country. Knowledge is also about empowering the community to make smart choices about personal protective equipment, most notably wearing a helmet while riding. NOS has partnered with Renown Children's Hospital to educate the public about the importance and lifesaving value of wearing a helmet, and other protective gear, while riding. NOS also partners with Tread Lightly! to promote responsible motorized recreation education.

Ensuring people are properly trained with the skills needed to ride safe and smart is the next step. NOS has utilized the ATV Safety Institute (ASI), Recreational Off Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) and Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) hands-on public trainings and has developed a Nevada specific hands-on course based on curriculum and resources from Idaho and Oregon.

Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) works with our OHV community to meet people where they are and provide appropriate training. An example of this is that we used to use ASI curriculum for our youth hands-on ATV safety trainings. However, we found that the manufacturers size recommendations for youth resulted in fewer youth taking the hands-on course because they didn't have the "right size" vehicle for their age even if they properly fit the vehicle they had. In an effort to reach as many youths as possible, NOS contacted neighboring states such as Oregon and Idaho that use proper rider fit as a requirement instead of manufacturer recommendations to develop a Nevada specific course for our youth based around rider fit.



**Connectivity/Loops:** *How will the project impact connectivity of OHV trails, facilities, and local communities? Please include maps of areas impacted by your project and describe those impacts.*

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In many rural communities, people use OHVs to get around and access OHV recreation spots or to travel to school. NOS has been contacted by sheriff's offices and communities in places such as Tonopah and Yerington to work with their middle and high school students in an effort to educate them about safe and smart riding practice both on the trails and around town. When OHV users are respecting and following the laws and regulations for operating OHVs both on and off the trail, it lessens user conflicts and the need for law enforcement to get involved. It also increases the connectivity of rural communities to local trails and facilities by enabling users to access those places from their local communities instead of a staging area.

**Access:** *Please describe how your project improves OHV access in the project area. Explain what access/opportunities would be lost or restricted if the project does not occur.*

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Nevada is a big state filled with tons of land for OHV recreation. As one of Tread Lightly's messages states, "Respected Access is Open Access." Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) whole-heartedly agrees with this message and works hard through our Ride Safe, Ride Smart programming to educate the public about responsible recreation so our public lands stay healthy and open for everyone to enjoy. Irresponsible recreation, including harm done by OHV users, causes a variety of impacts to the natural world and recreation areas. These impacts lead to the necessity for increased maintenance and law enforcement. Unfortunately, lack of funding and resources to provide maintenance and law enforcement typically leads to riding and recreation areas being closed or access being limited. At NOS, we strive to ensure public lands to stay open for current and future generations to come. In order to accomplish this, we educate people about safe and responsible riding through targeted outreach and education. NOS programs provide our OHV community with the necessary motivation, knowledge and skills to keep and improve OHV access around the state.

**Trail mapping and signing of existing trails and facilities:** *If a mapping component is included in the grant, please describe how it will be integrated with the current web mapping application found on OHV.NV.GOV*

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Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) is committed to working with local land managers to help educate the public about travel plans and local trails. We will help distribute information and maps at our Road Show events and at our offices. Additionally, NOS will work with our local agencies as needed to assist in any trail mapping or creation of public maps.

**Partnering and Leverage:** *Who else is involved in this project? Please describe outreach with stakeholders, partners and local governments, that you have communicated with in planning this project.*

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Spreading the message of safe and smart OHV use in Nevada is a group effort. It requires community buy in and government support at the local, county and state level. NOS is proud to have a statewide assistance agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to provide programming and help educate the public at BLM managed high use OHV recreation areas such as Sand Mountain. We also have strong agency partnerships with the US Forest Service and Nevada Department of Wildlife. We love working with sheriff's offices and community leaders around the state to provide RSRS programs. The Nevada Off Road Association has also been a strong partner promoting and expanding our RSRS message and programming. The annual Nevada OHV Summit has been a fantastic opportunity to communicate and network with our OHV community and stakeholders. NOS also works with Tread Lightly! to promote their TREAD principles and promote responsible motorized recreation around Nevada.

In 2022-2023, the NV OHV Youth Helmet Program was established as a joint initiative between Nevada Outdoor School, Renown Children's Hospital, University Medical Center, Safe Kids Washoe County, Nevada Off Road Association, Axel Off Road USA, Tread Lightly! Arevia Power and CAL-NEV-HA Children's fund. Our initiative centered around 3 key objectives: increasing awareness of the risks associated with children riding OHVs, educating parents and children on safe riding practices, and distributing safety equipment for children. Through this partnership, NOS has and will continue through this grant funding to provide free OHV helmets to Nevada's youth, educate youth about the importance of wearing a helmet and riding safe and smart around the state.

NOS leverages funds from a variety of funding sources to support our RSRS programming including the Polaris TRAILS grant, Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative, BLM Assistance Agreement, AmeriCorps Nevada.

**Economic Integration:** *How will this project improve OHV recreation opportunities that help local, regional, or state economies grow?*

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In the most recent Nevada Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), OHV recreation (34%) was one of the top 10 outdoor recreation activities amongst all respondents. It was in the top 5 (57%) for frontier counties where Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) does most of our education and outreach. OHV recreation in rural/frontier communities and around the state generates revenue that helps local, regional and state economies to grow. Irresponsible recreation can have major consequences to the economic vitality of a community. It could result in the need for more law enforcement, more facility and trail maintenance, fire-fighting, campground restoration and more. Many times lack of funding for such needs results in public

lands and recreation facilities being closed. Through outdoor ethics outreach and education, NOS spreads the message of responsible recreation and teaches people about the consequences of positive and negative interactions with the natural world. With more of our community being educated about outdoor ethics and responsibly recreating on our public lands, it decreases the need for law enforcement, facility maintenance, restoration work, etc. therefore, improving the economic vitality of our communities throughout Nevada. Additionally, NOS purchases OHV safety gear for trainings, outreach events and prizes from local businesses including Sonoma Cycles in Winnemucca and 5<sup>th</sup> Gear Power Sports in Elko, helping support our local off-road dealerships and communities. Our larger equipment like trucks and trailers are also purchased and maintained locally.

**Demand for New Facilities:** *Please provide justification for **NEW** facility/program development: restrooms, trails, signs, and other amenities.*

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Nevada Outdoor School (NOS)'s Outdoor Ethics program works to educate the public about responsible recreation including respecting existing recreation facilities such as restrooms, trails, signs and other amenities with the hope that there will be a decreased need for new facilities where they currently exist.

## Project Budget

**Proposed Budget:** Provide your budget details to include all project expenses, including contracts, labor costs, volunteer or donated labor, equipment, travel, materials, etc. Each section needs to be broken down into specific item costs. You may create your own spreadsheet. (See Grant Manual Appendix B for example)

- Your budget must align clearly with your Scope of Work.
- Be specific. Each section needs to be broken down into individual line items and costs. For example, a lump sum for “travel” should be broken down into items such as lodging, per diem, gas etc.
- All travel expenses should be based off current GSA rates. Rates can be found [here](#) or at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.
- 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.**

## LAND MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

**Classification of Land Management:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	City/Municipal
<input type="checkbox"/>	County
<input type="checkbox"/>	State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lease; Attach copy of lease with expiration date
<input type="checkbox"/>	R&PP; Attach copy of lease with expiration date
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

**Landowner(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

*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*

**Will there be ground disturbing activities (ex. construction, trail maintenance)?**

Yes       No

**Standards/guidelines that will be applied to your project (if applicable):**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation - A Design Guide
<input type="checkbox"/>	USFS Standard Specifications for Construction & Maintenance of Trails
<input type="checkbox"/>	BLM Handbook 9114-1 Trails
<input type="checkbox"/>	NOHVCC Handbooks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

**THE LANDOWNER MUST PROVIDE A LETTER STATING THAT:**

(See Grant Manual Appendix C)

- a) Landowner has read the Request for Grant Application package.
- b) Landowner agrees with the application and the terms of the grant.
- c) Landowner holds an interest in the subject land that is sufficient in scope and authority to allow the applicant to complete the proposed project and operate and maintain the proposed project after its completion.
- d) Landowner is legally committing to maintain the trail/facility and will allow public motorized access to such trail/facilities for 25 years or the normal life of the project; and
- e) Landowner agrees to provide any match or other tasks in the application that are assigned to Landowner.

**Federal Environmental Compliance:**

**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) and a Decision Record (DR)
- Categorical Exclusion (CX)
- SHPO 106 compliance/concurrence letter
- Other compliance documents already completed.
- Not applicable

If NEPA or planning is a part of the project describe the steps in the Scope of Work.

### Location, Maps, Photos

**Nearest town/city/municipality of project (list multiple if applicable):** Statewide \_\_\_\_\_  
All Nevada Counties. Nevada Outdoor School provides programs

**County(s):** statewide. \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Maps:** All maps must include a legend, north arrow, scale, and map name. Topographic maps are preferred. You may include *additional* aerial/google maps. (See Grant Manual Appendix D for examples)

The following map types are required:

1. General location map (showing project area within the state or county)
2. Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)
  - o Maps larger than 11x17 will not be accepted

**Required 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 technical advisory committee and the Commission to understand the location, depth and breadth of your project.)

**Trail projects:** If the shapefiles for the trail system are available, please submit them in the e-file. The shapefiles of the trail will be required at project end. Contact the Program for assistance in the collection of the data if needed.

### Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application is selected for funding, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or presentations may result in the termination of the grant.

Signature: Melanie Erquiaga Date: 11/15/2024  
Printed Name: Melanie Erquiaga Title: Executive Director

**APPLICATIONS DUE:  
NOVEMBER 17, 2024 AT 11:59 PM, PST**

SUBMIT: ONE SINGLE ELECTRONIC FILE; PDF VIA EMAIL TO:  
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OR

ONE FULL COLOR COPY OR MEMORY DEVICE ENCLOSED WITH APPLICATION  
BY MAIL OR HAND DELIVERY  
(8.5" X 11" ONLY. Maps should be no larger than 11"X17")

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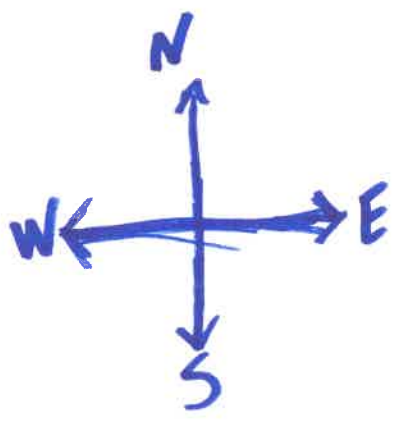
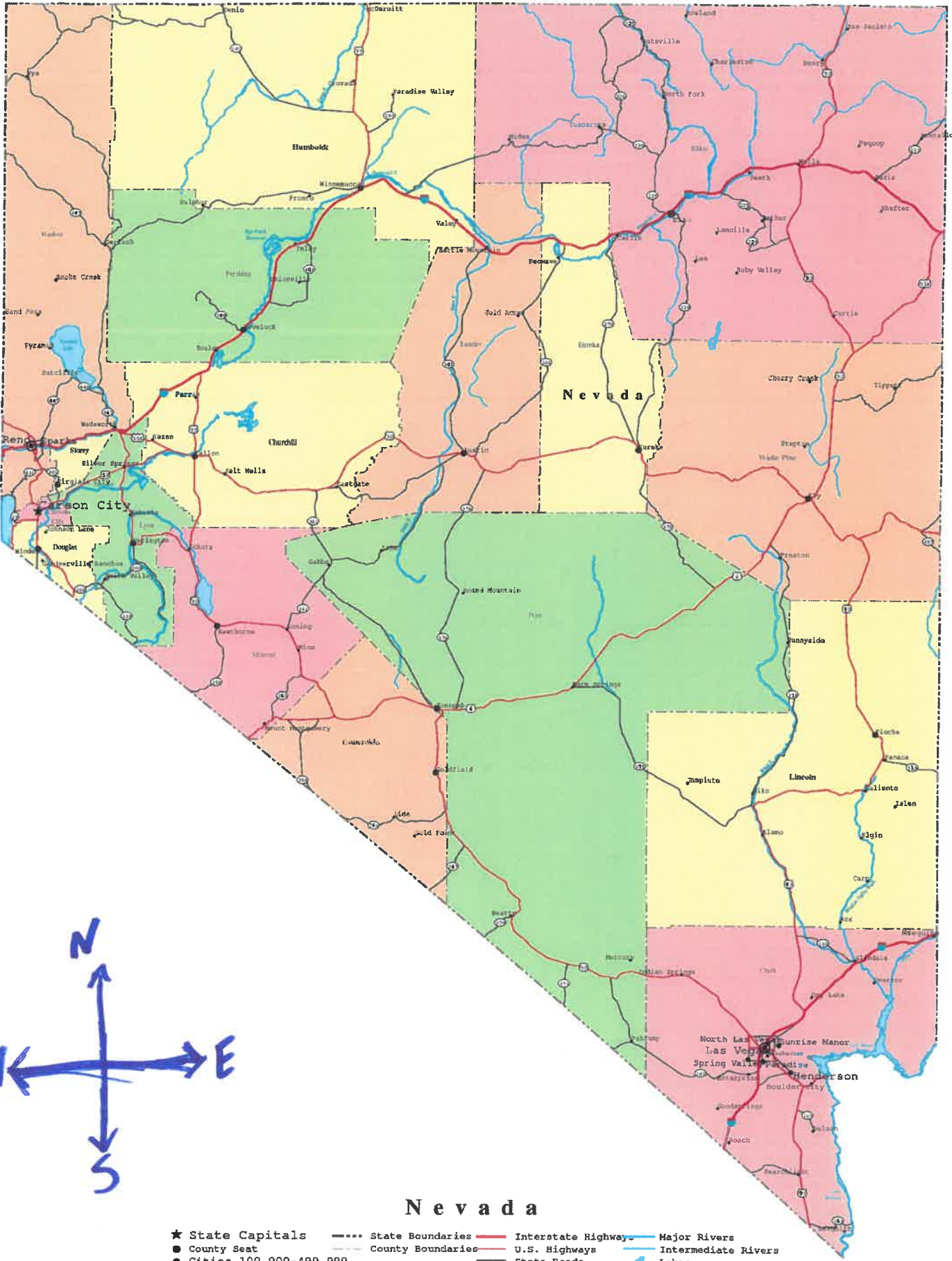
		Two-year Program Budget					
Item Description	Ride Safe Ride Smart (RSRS) Nevada	OHV Grant Request	Federal match	Other match	Total		
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe benefits, worker's comp & payroll taxes	NOS Programs Coordinators, TL Master Educators/ ATV & UTV Safety Instructors - 2 staff members x 36% of time dedicated to RSRS Program (2,995 hours @ \$22.02/hr)	\$ 52,760	\$ 11,190	\$ 2,000	\$ 65,950		
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe benefits, worker's comp & payroll taxes	NOS Executive Director x 15% of time dedicated to RSRS Program for youth helmet and OHV Safety outreach events, program expansion and grant & program management (624 hours @ \$39.40/hr)	\$ 19,669	\$ 3,917	\$ 1,000	\$ 24,586		
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe benefits, worker's comp & payroll taxes	NOS Communications & Outreach Specialist - Promotion & marketing x 25% of time dedicated to RSRS Program (1,040 hours @ \$22.02/hr)	\$ 18,320	\$ 4,580		\$ 22,900		
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe benefits, worker's comp & payroll taxes	NOS Director of Finance x 15% of time dedicated to RSRS Program to manage grant funds & complete required reporting (624 hours @ \$33.67/hr)	\$ 16,808	\$ 3,202	\$ 1,000	\$ 21,010		
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe benefits, worker's comp & payroll taxes	NOS AmeriCorps National Service Members - 6 members x 15% of time dedicated to RSRS Program -3,600 hours @ \$16.00/hr)	\$ 23,040	\$ 34,560		\$ 57,600		
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe benefits, worker's comp & payroll taxes	NOS Director of Programming, TL Master Educator/ Side x Side Safety Instructor x Program Evaluations 20% of time dedicated to RSRS Program (832 hours @ \$26.20/hr)	\$ 17,438	\$ 4,360		\$ 21,798		
Volunteer or donated labor/in-kind	Volunteers or donated labor for hands on training events or OHV & Youth Helmet Education Outreach (60 hours @ \$33.49/hr)			\$ 2,009	\$ 2,009		
Purchase or rental of equipment - Specify type of equipment - cost- # of days.	Rental costs for ATV or Side by Side for Training Courses - (approx. \$500/day) price varies by training location - In Elko - 5 <sup>th</sup> Gear donates the use of OHVs for trainings	\$ 2,000		\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000		

Materials – purchase or rental of materials for program or project.	Safety Gear & ATV/Side by Side Training Supplies (flags, cones, gloves, goggles, lumber for training course)	\$ 2,500			\$ 2,500
Materials – purchase or rental of materials for program or project.	Safety Gear - Youth Helmets - 100 full face MIPS rated helmets for kids operating an OHV @ \$130.00 each (varies by size and brand)	\$ 8,200		\$ 4,800	\$ 13,000
Materials – purchase or rental of materials for program or project.	Safety Gear - Youth Helmets - 150 lightweight Axel offroad helmets for smaller kids riding in Side by Sides @ \$52.00 each	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500	\$ 7,000
Materials – purchase or rental of materials for program or project.	Outdoor Ethics, OHV Safety & Tread Lightly! Outreach and Training Supplies	\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000
Materials – purchase or rental of materials for program or project.	OHV Safety office and printing supplies for trainings and outreach, printing of brochures, posters, OHV Safety surveys, bi-lingual communication materials, NVOHV grant recipient recognition stickers	\$ 1,800			\$ 1,800
Training Costs	Nevada Off Road Online Education Course participant coupon to cover cost to make it free to participants - 200 each x \$39.95 each <a href="https://www.offroad-ed.com/nevada/">https://www.offroad-ed.com/nevada/</a>	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,990	\$ 7,990
Training Costs	Youth Rider Skills Challenge Prizes (gift cards, safety gear, cost varies by prize)	\$ 750			\$ 750
Training Costs – varies depending on educator course	NOS Staff & AmeriCorps Members Tread Lightly!, ATV/OHV Safety Certification and other Position Specific Off Road Education Trainings	\$ 1,500			\$ 1,500
Travel Costs	Hotel Lodging 40 nights@ \$125/night for 2 people (average of rural & urban Nevada)	\$ 5,000			\$ 5,000



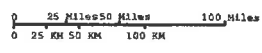
Travel Costs	Per Diem for travel to ATV/OHV safety trainings, youth ATV camps, various school districts for Helmet Safety lessons, OHV Conferences and Outreach Events @\$78/day (average of rural & urban Nevada) x 80 days (includes 2 people per event on average)	\$ 6,240			\$ 6,240
Vehicle Gas and Maintenance current GSA is .67 per mile. Estimate miles.	Approximately 6,000 miles at \$.67/mile	\$ 4,020			\$ 4,020
Other: be specific	ATVs and Trailers Maintenance and registrations	\$ 1,160		\$ 40	\$ 1,200
Other: be specific	Storage Unit for Helmet inventory - 10 x 10 \$75/month	\$ 900			\$ 900
Indirect Costs 10% de-minimus allowed		\$ 19,160			\$ 19,160
<b>Totals</b>		\$ 210,765	\$ 61,809	\$ 18,339	\$290,913
<b>Percentages</b>		<b>72%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>100%</b>





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- Cities 100,000-499,999
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Kaden Barmore and the Nevada OHV Commission:

November 10, 2024

The Nevada Offroad Association (NVORA) supports the grant application submitted by the team at the Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) for continued Ride Safe Ride Smart (RSRS) educational efforts.

NOS is the primary Nevada educational resource for outdoor ethics and specifically OHV youth programs.

Nevada has historically suffered from albeit well-meaning, individual initiatives, that depart from a cohesive focused curriculum, with scattershot, and sometimes inappropriate messaging. It is the hope of NVORA to continue to channel interested parties to partner with NOS specifically to maintain a quality level of professionalism on any efforts that are public facing.

RSRS has organically grown to include several new initiatives over the last few years to include the Lids On Kids helmet program having placed over 500 Offroad Helmets on children in Northern and Southern Nevada. These events happen when kids are recreating with their parents. That helmet fitting includes an educational component, as the program design puts an instructor in the one-on-one conversation with parents of the helmet recipient and provides important information on OHV registration, stewardship, hands on training for youth, injury prevention, and other positive OHV messaging.

NOS via RSRS was instrumental in rolling out the first ever Nevada specific Train The Trainer course, that allows the training of senior experienced operators from governmental entities to then return to the their home agency and certify the end user.

In December of 2024, if the weather cooperates, NOS and partners will be offering the first professional end user level training to local agencies in northern Nevada, and there are plans for a robust Nevada specific online presence as well, all under Ride Safe Ride Smart.

Ride Safe Ride Smart is vital to protecting the Nevada OHV user and access. This initiative is the foundation for positive stewardship and skillsets moving forward. The synergistic results of all these partners working under one consistent cooperative framework are immeasurable.

Respectfully,  


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Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles,

In recent years, the popularity of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) has surged, with many families embracing them as a way to enjoy the outdoors together. However, this trend has also led to a troubling increase in pediatric injuries related to OHV use. According to Safe Kids Worldwide, approximately 30,000 children have visited emergency departments each year over the past four years due to OHV-related injuries. At Renown Children's Hospital, we've observed a similar rise, with OHV-related injuries ranking as the third leading cause of pediatric injury in northern Nevada from 2020 to 2024. Notably, the severity of these injuries was nearly twice as high among children not wearing helmets compared to those who were properly protected. Moreover, more than half of these injuries occurred over 50 miles away from Renown Health, the region's sole trauma center, which serves a vast 100,000-square-mile area.

Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) is dedicated to promoting safe and responsible OHV use among Nevada's youth. Renown Health's Trauma Department has partnered with NOS to support their Ride Safe Ride Smart OHV Safety Program, which aims to reduce the frequency and severity of OHV-related injuries through increased awareness, safety education, hands-on training, and the responsible distribution of OHV safety equipment. Through outreach events at Sand Mountain and presentations to high school students, this partnership has already seen positive results in promoting safer OHV practices.

We strongly encourage your support for Nevada Outdoor School's proposal, which will significantly aid our joint efforts to keep young people safe while enjoying Nevada's great outdoors.

Sincerely,

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office (BLM) is writing in support of the Nevada Outdoor School's (NOS) application for the 2024 NV OHV Program Grant. BLM believes that interpretation, education, and safety are crucial in supporting our land management planning goals and objectives. The NOS curriculum focuses on Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! principles as well as general outdoor ethics, hunter/OHV safety and environmental education. These are widely accepted and effective teaching tools to accomplish the goals of educating the recreating public on safe and responsible recreation use of their public lands. An especially impactful part of their application that has been hugely successful and well-received has been their participation in providing OHV helmets for kids. With over 450 helmets handed out over the past 2 years, its clear are making a difference on BLM public lands.

BLM has seen large growth in outdoor recreation in the last 3-4 years. Many of these people are first time users of public lands. NOS' programming is critical to ensuring responsible recreation from this growing use on public lands. BLM is also committing to work with NOS and help in their program goals in whatever way we can at a statewide and local level. Thank you for your continued support of these important programs.

Sincerely,

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