

# COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

## 2023-2024 OHV Grant Applications

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### PURPOSE:

To present the list of 2023-2024 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trail Grant Applications (**Appendix A**) for the Colorado State Recreational Trails Committee’s review.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

#### **OHV Program**

The Off-Highway Vehicle Program (OHV) is funded through the sale of OHV registrations. During the 2022 field season, 214,665 Off Highway Vehicles were registered or permitted for use in Colorado. The price of an annual OHV registration is \$25.25. Funds are used to support the statewide OHV program, registration program and OHV trail grant program. Non-profits, federal agencies, state and local government are eligible for OHV grants.

#### **Legislation**

*33-14.5-106: Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund - Creation- Use of Moneys.*

*(1) All fees collected from the registration of off-highway vehicles and all fees collected from the sale of off-highway use permits, plus all interest earned on such moneys shall be credited to the off-highway vehicle recreation fund, which fund is hereby created, and shall be used for the administration of this article, for information and awareness on the availability of off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities, for the promotion of off-highway vehicle safety, for the establishment and maintenance of off-highway vehicle routes, parking areas, and facilities, and for the purchase or lease of private land for the purposes of access to public land for uses consistent with the provisions of this article; however, any moneys collected in excess of four dollars per original or renewal registration shall be used exclusively for direct services and not administrative costs. The general assembly shall make annual appropriations from the off-highway vehicle recreation fund for the purposes enumerated in this subsection (1).*

#### **OHV Grant Selection Process**

Good OHV Management” trail crews are given priority in funding because of their attention to high use OHV systems and a successful history of good OHV management. These trail crews use “Best Practices” to manage OHV areas. This work includes maintenance, reconstruction, monitoring, signing, education, planning and field presence for visitor contacts and compliance patrols. Good Management grant applicants must demonstrate their ability, over a consecutive period of three or more years, to fulfill the fiscal and field objectives as presented in their annual OHV grant proposals, while achieving of all aspects of a good management program. Currently, there are 26 Good Management Crews and one Statewide Trail Crew operating in Colorado.

All remaining grant applications are evaluated and ranked against each other. The OHV grant selection and award procedure follows a three-tiered recommendation and approval process. Applications first are scored and evaluated by the OHV Subcommittee which forwards its recommendations to the State Recreational Trails Committee which reviews the rankings and funding recommendations for approval by the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

**OHV Subcommittee**

The OHV Subcommittee (**Appendix B**) is chaired by a member of the Colorado State Trails Committee who is chosen by the Parks and Wildlife Commission to represent OHV interests. The OHV chairperson appoints up to 7 members of the public to serve on the subcommittee representing organized OHV interests in Colorado. The State Trails Committee chooses a non-motorized member that selects two members of the public representing non-motorized interests. The Parks & Wildlife Director appoints one additional diversified trail user as a member to the OHV Subcommittee. State and Federal agencies are represented by staff members of the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Division of Parks and Wildlife who serve as ex-officio members. The OHV Subcommittee conducts a fair and objective review of the grant application before making its ranking recommendations to the State Trails Committee. Public input is solicited, as part of the grant review process. Public comment is accepted by e-mail, written letter, and during public meetings. All OHV applicants are invited to make a presentation to the OHV Subcommittee.

**DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY:**

**2023-2024 OHV Grant Program**

For the 2023-2024 OHV grants, it is estimated that \$6.3 million will be made available for OHV grants from the following funding sources:

<b>Source of OHV Grant Funding</b>	<b>Total Dollars</b>
Off-Highway Vehicle Registration (OHV)	\$6,000,000
Recreation Trails Program (RTP) <i>approx.</i>	\$ 300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,300,000</b>

**OHV Grant Applications**

The availability of the 2023-2024 OHV grant applications was publicized through newsletters, the Parks and Wildlife Division’s web site, and e-mail information networks. Assistance in grant preparation was made available from the trails program staff.

2023-2024 OHV Grant Applications were due Friday, December 2, 2022. Applications for 68 OHV projects were received, requesting **\$8,197,782** in funding. As noted above, grant applications will be reviewed and ranked by the OHV Subcommittee, after considering all public comment.

The OHV subcommittee met January 12-13, 2023 to discuss funding strategies for the 2023-2024 Good Management grant applications and began preliminary review of all other projects that will be scored and ranked.

All applicants can make a project presentation to the OHV Subcommittee as part of the project review on March 8-10, 2023. Following project presentations, the OHV Subcommittee members (12) and the CPW Trails Coordinators (4) will score each application and those scores will be averaged for a final ranking. Scoring results and related funding strategies will be presented to the State Recreational Trails Committee for their approval April 7, 2023. The Committee will then provide its funding recommendations the Parks and Wildlife Commission for final funding approval at the June 22-23, 2023 Commission Meeting.

All grant applications received for the 2023-2024 Colorado State Trails Grant cycle are posted on the Parks and Wildlife's web site for public review and comment. The web address is: <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/TrailsGrantsOHVApps.aspx>

Public comment for both the Good Management grant applications and the OHV project applications must be submitted in writing by Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Comment may be submitted by email to the following web email address: [dnr\\_trails@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_trails@state.co.us)

Pursuant to the Parks and Wildlife Commission's Policy A-104, Committee members serving on the OHV subcommittee are:

- OHV Subcommittee Chair and State Trails Committee OHV Designee – Heather Hormell
- State Trails Committee Non-motorized Trails Designee – Jack Placchi
- State Trails Committee Diversified Trails Designee – John Marriott

Final scores from the OHV Subcommittee must be submitted to the Trails Program Office or Staff in Littleton by the end of business on Monday, March 20, 2023 to be included in the final recommendation. The OHV 2023-2024 grant cycle dates are listed on the OHV Grant Process Timeline (**Appendix C**).

**DIVISION RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

N/A

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**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE STATE TRAILS COMMITTEE**

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## 2023-2024 OHV Grant Applications

Grant App #	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Total Cost	Amount Requested	CPW REGION
GM-1	State Forest State Park 2024 (GM)	CPW - State Forest State Park	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	NW
GM-2	Dillon OHV Trail Crew 2024	USFS - Dillon RD	\$ 151,831	\$ 120,608	NW
GM-3	Dolores Good Management Trail Crew #20 - 2024	USFS - Dolores RD	\$ 110,000	\$ 90,000	SW
GM-4	Columbine Good Management OHV Program 2024	USFS - Columbine RD	\$ 98,115	\$ 69,395	SW
GM-5	Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew (GM) 2024	CPW - Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area & USFS -Salida RD	\$ 189,220	\$ 140,378	SE
GM-6	2024 BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew	BLM - Gunnison FO	\$ 239,000	\$ 105,000	SW
GM-7	BLM Kremmling OHV Trail Crew 2024	BLM - Kremmling FO	\$ 155,600	\$ 105,000	NW
GM-8	OHV Ouray Trail Crew 2024	USFS - Ouray RD	\$ 213,425	\$ 110,710	SW
GM-9	2024 SPKRD OHV Trail Crew	USFS - South Park RD	\$ 206,360	\$ 118,360	NE
GM-10	Eagle Zoned OHV Crew 2024	USFS - Eagle-Holy Cross RD	\$ 156,060	\$ 108,060	NW
GM-11	OHV San Carlos GM Trail Project 2024	USFS - San Carlos RD	\$ 135,915	\$ 114,715	SE
GM-12	Parks Motorized Trail Crew 2024	USFS - Parks RD	\$ 128,095	\$ 90,000	NW
GM-13	North Rampart Good OHV Crew 2024	USFS - South Platte RD	\$ 172,091	\$ 157,417	NE
GM-14	Tres Rios OHV Crew 2024	BLM - Tres Rios FO	\$ 69,069	\$ 48,960	SW
GM-15	Flat Tops OHV Crew 2024	USFS - Blanco & Rifle RD	\$ 132,000	\$ 107,000	NW
GM-16	Divide Good Management Trail Crew 2024	USFS - Divide RD	\$ 147,986	\$ 108,062	SW
GM-17	2 Person OHV Trail Maintenance Crew 2024	USFS - Pagosa RD	\$ 85,955	\$ 68,641	SW
GM-18	Grand Valley Good Management Trail Crew 2024	USFS - Grand Valley RD	\$ 153,040	\$ 120,000	NW
GM-19	Uncompahgre GM OHV Crew 2024	BLM - Uncompahgre FO	\$ 237,900	\$ 135,900	SW
GM-20	Grand Junction FO Good Management Grant 2024	BLM - Grand Junction FO	\$ 126,000	\$ 101,000	NW
GM-21	OHV Statewide Trail Crew 2024	USFS - Sulphur RD	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	STW
GM-22	OHV Grand Lake Trail Crew 2024	USFS - Sulphur RD	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000	NW
GM-23	Colorado River Valley Field Office OHV Crew 2024	BLM - Colorado River Valley FO	\$ 120,000	\$ 100,000	NW
GM-24	Dominguez-Escalante & McInnis Canyons NCAs Trail Crew 2024	BLM - Dominguez-Escalante & McInnis Canyons NCAs	\$ 130,000	\$ 105,000	NW
GM-25	OHV Gunnison Trail Crew 2024	USFS - Gunnison RD	\$ 118,000	\$ 99,000	SW
GM-26	CCRD OHV Crew-2024	USFS - Clear Creek RD	\$ 151,865	\$ 63,640	NE
GM-27	BLM RGFO OHV Trail Crew 2024	BLM - Royal Gorge FO	\$ 133,747	\$ 92,960	SE
1	Dozer 24 Project -2024	USFS - Dolores RD	\$ 73,157	\$ 48,157	SW
2	Calico North Trail Project 2024	USFS - Dolores RD	\$ 127,000	\$ 85,000	SW
3	UAMTC Equipment 2024	CPW - Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area	\$ 33,000	\$ 26,000	SE
4	OHV Trail Dozer Maintenance Program 2024	USFS - Ouray RD	\$ 309,187	\$ 196,996	SW
5	COHVCO 2024 OHV Workshops (2)	COHVCO Trails Partnership	\$ 78,000	\$ 70,000	STW
6	Canyon Creek Trail Reconstruction 2024	USFS - Gunnison RD	\$ 87,900	\$ 69,400	SW
7	OHV San Carlos Trails Project 2024	USFS - San Carlos RD	\$ 193,200	\$ 172,000	SE
8	TMW Trail Support 2024	Thunder Mountain Wheelers ATV Club	\$ 326,736	\$ 227,640	SW
9	Trail Maintenance for Yankee Hill Access 2024	Residents of Upper Pisgah Lake Road	\$ 344,585	\$ 344,585	NE
10	Archuleta ATV Trail Project (Phase 2) 2024	USFS - Conejos Peak RD	\$ 158,700	\$ 143,000	SW
11	Requesting Good Management Status Rampart Trail Crew and Patrol VI -2024	USFS - South Platte RD	\$ 120,990	\$ 111,750	NE
12	Timberline Maintenance & Patrol II - 2024	USFS - South Platte RD	\$ 56,934	\$ 50,934	NE
13	SPKRD OHV Heavy Equipment Grant 2024	USFS - South Park RD	\$ 273,827	\$ 86,000	NE
14	BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew 2024	BLM - San Luis Valley FO	\$ 233,000	\$ 100,000	SW

2023-2024 OHV Grant Applications

Grant App #	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Total Cost	Amount Requested	CPW REGION
15	Moffat County Motocross Track Maintenance & Repair 2024	Northwest Colorado Trails Corp	\$ 106,049	\$ 80,949	NW
16	Divide Heavy Maintenance Trail Crew 2024	USFS – Divide RD	\$ 100,850	\$ 67,060	SW
17	2024 RRMMC Trail Maintenance	Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC)	\$ 312,169	\$ 263,319	NE
18	2024 RGFO Trail Maintenance	Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC)	\$ 55,750	\$ 51,750	SE
19	Pagosa Excavator 2023-2024	Pagosa Area Trail Council	\$ 71,000	\$ 71,000	SW
20	GJFO Equipment Operator 2024	BLM - Grand Junction FO	\$ 70,000	\$ 45,000	NW
21	North Zone OHV Crew 2024	USFS - North Zone (Canyon Lakes RD & Pawnee NG)	\$ 313,372	\$ 156,686	NE
22	Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery 2024	Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery	\$ 316,629	\$ 58,939	STW
23	Camp Hale-Vail Pass Stakeholder Grant 2024	Eagle River Watershed Council	\$ 105,782	\$ 82,782	NW
24	GVRD Heavy Equipment Crew 2024	USFS - Grand Valley RD	\$ 294,300	\$ 265,000	NW
25	Jackson Lake OHV Trail Rehabilitation 2024	CPW - Jackson Lake State Park	\$ 90,472	\$ 75,503	NE
26	Requesting Good Management Status HPBE OHV Trail Crew 2024	USFS - Hahns Peak/Bear Ears RD	\$ 122,000	\$ 105,000	NW
27	Big Bend OHV Beginner Track - 2024	Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR)	\$ 108,320	\$ 102,320	SE
28	Columbine OHV Parking Area Restrooms-2024	USFS - Clear Creek RD	\$ 12,995	\$ 9,000	NE
29	Hill Climb Rehab & OHV Trail Improvement - 2024	USFS - Pikes Peak RD	\$ 295,246	\$ 147,746	SE
30	Travel Management Signage 2024	Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	STW
31	Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance 2024	Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance	\$ 285,142	\$ 227,774	STW
32	CCMR Trail Maintenance Grant 2024	Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR)	\$ 319,131	\$ 307,971	SE
33	Requesting Good Management Status Boulder RD OHV Crew -2024(Year 4)	USFS - Boulder RD	\$ 167,721	\$ 72,320	NE
34	Sand Wash Trailhead 2024	BLM - Little Snake FO	\$ 593,100	\$ 250,000	NW
35	Little Snake OHV Crew 2024	BLM - Little Snake FO	\$ 151,740	\$ 114,540	NW
36	White River OHV Trail Crew 2024	BLM - White River FO	\$ 405,055	\$ 163,625	NW
37	TPA Stewardship Videos 2024	Trails Preservation Alliance	\$ 32,000	\$ 30,000	STW
38	BLM Statewide (OHV) Law Enforcement 2024	BLM - Colorado State Office	\$ 162,296	\$ 65,170	STW
39	Subcontractor Trail Maintenance 2023-2024	Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA)	\$ 295,000	\$ 295,000	NW
40	Supply & Equipment Grant 2023-24	Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA)	\$ 167,500	\$ 63,500	NW
41	Lookout Mountain Trail Realignment 2024	Northern Colorado Trail Riders	\$ 391,490	\$ 349,560	NE
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$ 11,787,599</b>	<b>\$ 8,197,782</b>	

Sponsor Key:

USFS
BLM
Shared project between USFS & CPW
CPW
Non-Profit
County/ Town
Other

Good Management	\$ 3,896,274	\$ 2,814,806
Competitive	\$ 7,891,325	\$ 5,382,976

**Colorado Parks and Wildlife – State Trails Program  
Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Subcommittee for 2023-2024**

**OHV Subcommittee Members**

Heather Hormell	OHV Subcommittee Chair and State Trails Committee Member	OHV Trails Rep.
John Marriott	OHV Subcommittee Member	Diversified STC Rep.
Jack Placchi	OHV Subcommittee Member	Non-motorized STC Rep.
Ralph Files	OHV Subcommittee Member	Non-motorized Rep.
Kelly Clouse	OHV Subcommittee Member	Non-motorized Rep.
Jason Elliott	OHV Subcommittee Member	Motorized Rep.
Mark Reimler	OHV Subcommittee Member	Motorized Rep.
Bill Alspach	OHV Subcommittee Member	Motorized Rep.
Lloyd Liebetrau	OHV Subcommittee Member	Motorized Rep.
Emma Dunn	OHV Subcommittee Member	Motorized Rep.
Ken Sanders	OHV Subcommittee Member	Motorized Rep.
Scott Bright	OHV Subcommittee Member	Motorized Rep.
Josh Stoudt	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	SW Region Motorized Trail Coordinator
Randy Engle	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	NW Region Motorized Trail Coordinator
Luke Svare	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	NE Region Motorized Trail Coordinator
Tappan Brown	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	SE Region Motorized Trail Coordinator

**Subcommittee Ex-Officio Members**

Ty Petersburg	CPW
Mark Leslie	CPW
Jeff Christenson /	BLM
Tim Finger	
Brendan Kelly /	USFS
Chad Schneckenburger	

**Colorado Parks and Wildlife Trails Program Managers**

Fletcher Jacobs	Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Tom Metsa	Colorado Parks and Wildlife

## 2023-2024 OHV Grant Process Timeline

Date	Action Item
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday <b>December 2, 2022</b> 5:00 P.M.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Application Deadline</b> – Including <i>Good Management Program</i> Applications</li> <li>• Applications checked for completeness and eligibility by OHV Program Manager and Staff</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mid December 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project descriptions posted on the web for public comment</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 31, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for Written Public Comment for <i>OHV Projects and Good OHV Management Trail Crews</i> (Must be received at Colorado Parks &amp; Wildlife office)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 12-13, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHV Subcommittee Meeting Application Review Meeting – <b>2 Days</b> to review project application details for oral presentations</li> <li>• <i>Good Management Program</i> application review</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">February 17, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for Wildlife Public Comment for all <i>OHV Project Applications</i></li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">March 8-10, 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OHV Grant Presentations Meeting - 3 Days</b> Subcommittee to finalize project scores</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March 20, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final scores due to CPW Trails Program</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">April 7, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Trails Committee Meeting: Approval and recommended projects finalized for Parks &amp; Wildlife Commission (PWC)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">June 22-23, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final recommendations presented to (PWC) for approval</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">June - July 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award and Non-award letters sent to applicants</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Fall 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate and Finalize Contracts</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Fall 2023 / Spring 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project funds available for disbursement</li> </ul>