



2023-2024
Off-Highway Vehicle Program
State Trail Grant Application

Name of Project: Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery		Date of Application: 12/2/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$316,629	Grant Request: \$58,939	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery		
Mailing Address: 11672 Kearney Way, Thornton, CO 80233		
		Fax:
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OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):

PROJECT CONTACT This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Steve King		Title: Grant Coordinator
Mailing Address: 235 Phillips Peak, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129-6213		
Telephone: 720.313.2596	Fax:	Email: sking@co4x4rnr.org
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name:		Title:
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

PROJECT LOCATION	
Nearest Town or City: State of Colorado (statewide)	
County(ies):	
Township/Range/Section:	
State Senate District #:	
State Representative District #:	
LAND OWNERSHIP	
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:	
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____	
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)	
Miles of Singletrack: _____	Miles of 50" or less: _____ Miles of Full-sized: _____
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access
PROJECT INFORMATION (Please check all activities that apply to this project.) Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional environmental approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Signs
<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other
* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration	
TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)	
% of Budget	Program maintenance (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)
	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
100%	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100%	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: OHV Rescue & Recovery	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Steve King	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$316,628.82	Grant Request: \$58,939

Project Description: Please write a brief description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When, and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not for project background, benefits or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address this information in question #2 of section D, Project Selection Criteria.)

WHO?

Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization responding to OHV enthusiasts whose vehicles are stuck on OHV trails or unimproved and unmaintained dirt roads in Colorado that are inaccessible by commercial tow & recovery services. Our services include the extraction of people and/or the recovery of stuck or disabled vehicles. Often, without our response, the situation would likely escalate to life-threatening conditions and require expenditure of Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical, and/or Search & Rescue (SAR) resources. Our Hotline number provides 24/7 access to our dispatchers and services. The vehicles we recover are any motorized vehicles, e.g., 4x4, AWD, 2WD vehicles, trucks, SUVs, cars, UTVs, ATVs, & motorcycles.

In addition to rescue & recovery, through our actions and interaction, we educate people by demonstration on recovery techniques, tools and equipment used for recovery, recovery methods and procedures, and promote responsible use of Colorado OHV usage. We also participate in OHV trail service projects working with the US Forest Service, Stay-The-Trail, COHVCO and CORE.

Our recovery policy requires teams in the field to be formally trained in off-road driving skills, recovery methods and equipment, Wilderness First Aid (WFA), Communications, and in many aspects of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident Command System. We also provide local and state agency assistance to Emergency Response Teams, Law Enforcement, and provide transportation assistance to other agencies such as area hospitals and other non-profit groups where our vehicles and driving skills becomes an important asset.

We also have a Search and Rescue component providing emergency support to local and state agencies through large area vehicle-based search, person extraction, back-country access support, communications support, and other means.

WHERE?

We provide rescue and recovery services throughout the State of Colorado working with local Law Enforcement, the US Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

WHAT?

The state of Colorado is experiencing an increase in OHV enthusiasts increasing the number of calls we receive for help and assistance. Over the last year our volunteers, using their personal vehicles, traveled 99,896 miles involving 745 responders averaging 134 miles per mission per responder. With the current cost of gasoline and maintenance, this personal cost has become a deterrent to involvement. This grant will address compensation for personal vehicle in-service mileage and promote involvement to meet the growing need for OHV rescue and recovery services.

Our organization will continue to advocate for responsible OHV usage, adherence to Stay-The-Trail etiquette, and will require all our responder vehicles to display a current OHV Permit, and we will be incorporating Colorado Registration Dollars at Work logos on apparel, on vehicles, and in promotional material.

WHEN?

The proposed grant would allow the program to continue through the 2023-2024 operating season.

Program Funding Acknowledgement

Awarded funding will be acknowledged and advertised to the public in a variety of ways. Our website, our promotional materials, apparel, and our safety vests will include the Colorado Dollars at Work Logo. Our responder vehicles will include current OHV permits. We will also acknowledge the Colorado Registration Dollars at Work through public interaction and press releases.

DEFINITIONS?

ATV – All Terrain Vehicle

COHVCO – Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition

CORE – Colorado Off-Road Enterprise, a motorized action group based out of Buena Vista

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

ICS – Incident Command System

SAR – Search & Rescue

UTV – Utility Terrain Vehicle

Budget Form

Project Name: Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery

Date Project will be Completed: 3/31/2025

Project Sponsor: Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery

ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) IN YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.*(Round amounts off to nearest dollar).*

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES <small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)</small>	CASH	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)			\$ 58,939
Volunteer Hours (7,426 hours @ \$24.10/hr)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179,265
Income (Donations, Dues, Member Store) Offsetting expenses consist of Apparel, Background checks, Processing Fees, Training, Meetings, Annual Banquet, Legal, storage, Marketing, Insurance, Donations to non-profits that support our organization.	\$ 78,425	\$ -	\$ 78,425
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 316,629

I. Personnel Costs

Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase

Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	#DIV/0!	Category Total	\$ -

II. Project Materials/Supplies

Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.

	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

III. Equipment

Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.

			\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

III.A. FLEET Equipment

Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

V. Volunteer Support

Identify as: **For Volunteers Only** Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.

Personal Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement in support of Recoveries at the State of Colorado mileage reimbursement rate for 4x4 vehicles of \$0.59/mile
Projection for 12 months based on 2021 total recovery vehicle mileage.

	\$ 0.59	99,896		\$ 58,939
			Category Total	\$ 58,939

VI. Insurance

(Non-profit organizations only)

	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only)

Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)

	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request

Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program

Total				\$ 58,939
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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Carefully read and provide answers to each of the following four criteria (four page maximum):

All applicants must respond to the following selection criteria questions. You are allowed the space below each question to fill in your answer. If you have an answer that does not fill the entire page, do not feel obligated to fill the space. This application will be scored on a 100 point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Each project will be reviewed by outside reviewers and State Trails staff, and projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores. Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please reference all attachments.

1. Need for & Benefit of the Project (25 points):

Describe the objectives of your project and how it will benefit, and protect riding opportunities while protecting resources in the project area. (**Use the following as a guideline for describing your project**)

- What specifically will the project accomplish?

This project will respond to OHV users request for help in getting themselves extracted and/or their vehicles recovered. In the process, these incidents will avoid escalation into life threatening circumstances, and they will avoid the need for land managers, Forest Service personnel, Law Enforcement Agencies or Search and Rescue organizations from responding. The vehicles that get disabled or stuck on these OHV trails and road often are on rugged terrain. This project provides a service to the users of the OHV trails and roads. It protects human life and clears the OHV trails and roads of vehicles that often obstruct usage of such trails and roads. This project also educates the public in responsible use of OHV trails and roads during recoveries and in off-roading expositions and gatherings. Our projects facilitate recovery of all types of motorized vehicles that use these OHV trails and roads. These recoveries also include vehicles that transport other forms of OHV vehicles and campers. This project also supports partner agencies, such as the USFS and BLM land managers with the opening, clearing, and closing of trails, with the installation of buck and rail, and with the cleanup of trash.

- How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?

When vehicles enter OHV trails and roads, there are inherent risks that can result in vehicles becoming stuck or disabled. By extracting people that get stranded, and by removing their stuck vehicles keeps the OHV trails and roads open for use. By providing education on self-recovery and by reminding riders to Stay-the-Trail, we encourage continued use of OHV trail and road systems.

- Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.

Removing disabled or stuck vehicles from the OHV trails and roads allows continued use of the trails and helps prevent vehicles from going off-trail to avoid these obstructions. Our organization regularly gets involved with partner organization with the opening, clearing, and closing of OHV trail and road systems as seasons for riding open and close. We also assist with blocking closed or unauthorized trails by the installation of buck and rail.

- Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?

Our organization will protect OHV user lives and recover their vehicles to use and ride another day.

- Why is this project a priority at this time?

Our organization is unique in Colorado. We are the only recognized 4x4 rescue & recovery SAR organization in Colorado. We have established a reputation for professionalism and safety and have become the organization to contact that is trusted to carry out rescue and recovery in the back country of Colorado on OHV trails and roads. We bring resources to bear who are effectively trained and equipped for recovery and who operate with method and process to ensure risks are kept very low. We receive calls for help all year

round, in all weather conditions. The large number of calls received by our dispatchers (about 400 annually) resulting in about 200 recoveries is a needed service worthy of preservation and support.

- Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?

All OHV enthusiasts benefit from the umbrella of safety that our organization specializes in. In addition, we directly support calls for help that often avoid the need for deployment of our recovery teams by walking enthusiasts through self-recovery techniques. Over the last year, we deployed recovery teams that recovered 201 vehicles from the OHV trail and road systems. Some of those vehicles were being used for the transport of OHV permitted vehicles, such as ATVs, UTVs and dirt bikes. Off-highway vehicles that were directed involved in being recovered include 120 SUVs, 52 pickup trucks, 11 UTV/ATVs, and 10 sedans. Although we don't keep track of which licensed vehicles display OHV permits, we know the number is increasing as awareness for the requirement and benefit is spread. We certainly will be requiring our members to purchase and display OHV permits in addition to advocating that all off-roaders in licensed vehicles do the same to not only remain legal on the trails but to support the OHV system of roads and trails.

- Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?

As long as motorized vehicles use OHV trails and roads, our services will be required to facilitate the recovery of disabled vehicles. We provide an irreplaceable service. While some OHV enthusiasts benefit from self-extraction, or with the help of others in their party, or by the assistance of chance-encounters of Good Samaritans, our service is a guarantee to access often by 911 emergency response systems, by local law enforcement agencies, by Forest Service personnel, or by calling our Hotline number.

2. Partnerships, Support and Leverage (25 points):

Provide evidence of support for this project from trail users, agencies, local governments, community groups, or individuals and attach letters or petitions to your application packet. Applicants need to demonstrate that the project has a broad spectrum of support. Letters from the following entities are encouraged: relevant political subdivisions with jurisdiction over the project area, conservation organizations, user groups who frequent the area, and community organizations. The program places a higher value on the quality of supporting correspondence submitted rather than the quantity of support letters received. **(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)**

- Describe all agencies, groups, clubs or organizations who are partners on the project. Will the project utilize volunteers or youth group services?

Partners on our project include the U.S. Forest Service Ranger Districts, the county Sheriff's Offices, the BLM Field Offices, and service groups such as Stay-The-Trail, COHVCO and CORE. Our project makes use exclusively of volunteers. We have no paid staff.

- Are you aware of any controversy this proposed project has caused, if at all, in the local community?

This project has received nothing but support from the local community. We come to the rescue of OHV enthusiasts that are stranded because of their vehicle. We remove vehicles that are otherwise stuck on these trails and roads. We have local residents approach us at times with nothing but relief that somebody was able to assist these enthusiasts-in-need. Many enthusiasts are very concerned about the cost of recovery, and are always very grateful to hear we do not charge for our services.

- Create a narrative or a list that includes the amounts and sources of additional (non-grant) funds, in-kind services, materials, and any other items that will be used as leverage in your project:
 - Donations, contributions, materials and other ways that this project will be leveraged
 - Describe the types of funds that will be contributed to the project
 - Itemize any funds received from other grants or sources
 - Provide your total project cost, including the total amount of all grant funds, use of volunteers, donations, and any additional contributions mentioned in your narrative

Our organization and has never previously had access to funds through grants. We have relied exclusively on member dues, proceeds from our member store, and from donations to cover administrative costs, and through the generosity of our volunteers who use their personal vehicles and their time. We are budgeting on \$38,425 in donations, \$30,000 in annual member dues, \$10,000 from proceeds coming from our member store. Our volunteers drove their personal vehicles an estimated 99,896 miles at an estimated cost of \$58,938 and donated 7,426 labor hours with an estimated value of \$179,265. The total cost of our project is expected to be \$316,629.

3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities

(25 points):

Describe the principal objectives that will be accomplished by this project (e.g., new trail construction, trail relocation or major re-route, trail maintenance, restoration/rehabilitation or any other grant eligible activity). Include as many components as are applicable. Show how the project aids in the protection or improvement of the environment by addressing existing problems, and avoiding or minimizing impacts through the implementation of the project.

Our project involves the extraction of people that need help and the recovery of their vehicles. We perform this function by minimizing the impact on the OHV resources, habitat and wildlife. We adhere strictly with staying on approved OHV trails and roads and always work with the U.S. Forest Service and or BLM land managers when recoveries require entering unauthorized trails or roads or if the recovery requires that vehicles go off-trail.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

There are no planned large equipment purchases.

4. Travel Management Plan Implementation, Education and Enforcement (**25 points**):

Active and effective OHV management is based upon the implementation of travel management plans, broad public awareness, compliance, enforcement and providing adequate recreation opportunities. Describe how the project will promote active OHV management and improve OHV use for the benefit of public land visitors. To receive a full score of 25 points for this category the project must incorporate at least one of the following components. (**Use the following as a guideline for describing your project**)

Travel Management:

- Our organization has worked with other groups to be included on OHV signage that includes our name and hotline number. We also include a QR code for easy access to our website that provide our mission statement, quick reference to the hotline number and provides instructions to make donations.
- Our organization regularly works with partner agencies to open, clear, and close trails, and also to install buck and rail to deter use of unauthorized trails.
- We work with lang management agencies to ensure our efforts to recover vehicles that are on unauthorized trails or roads are properly coordinated and approved.

Education

- While our teams that are on missions for recovery, we are engaging the affected OHV parties by providing business cards clearly indicating our Hotline number, a QR code to make donations, and our URL for our website. During our recovery, we are interacting with the subject both verbally and through our actions on proper techniques and equipment to affect a recovery. We also provide recommendations on what can be done to facilitate a self-recovery. Additionally, we encourage OHV enthusiasts to pursue off-road training through OnTrailsTraining.org for driving and recovery education aimed for all OHV enthusiasts.

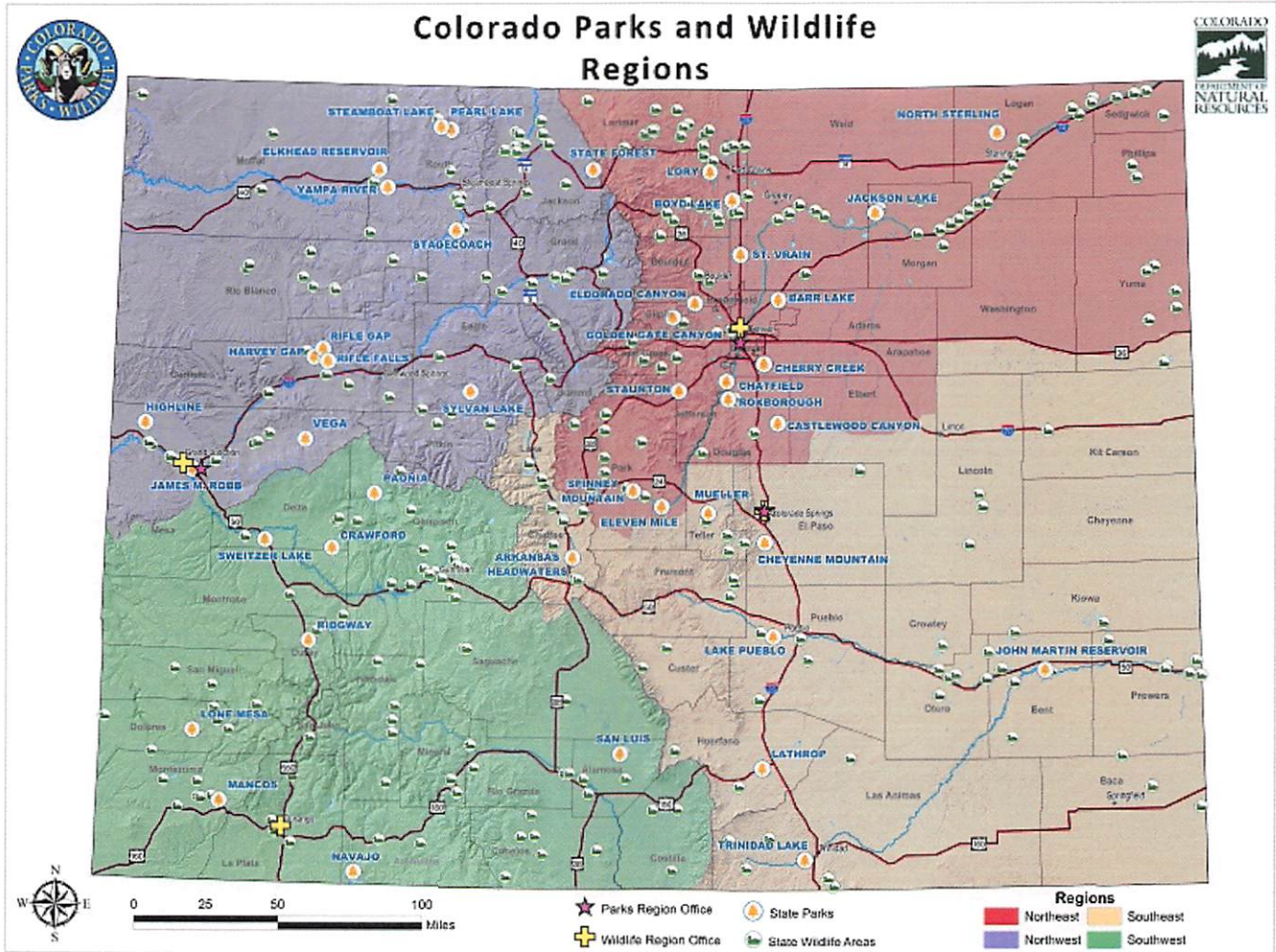
Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

- Our project removes disabled or stuck vehicles from the trails and roads. By doing this, we remove obstacles that could and often result in vehicles traveling around the obstruction by taking their vehicles off road.

E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Map

E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.

Our organization operates statewide. The bulk of our services are called upon to service OHV trails and roads along the Front Range and out West along the I-70 corridor.



E-2 Project Map: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

1:24,000 scale map OR a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)
That clearly shows roads, trails, streams, management area boundaries, and other significant natural and developed features in the vicinity of the project.

(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

Provide project illustrations or photos to further demonstrate the needs of the project.





JOE PELLE
Sheriff

Boulder County Sheriff's Office

Memorandum

To: Colorado State Parks OHV Grant

From: Boulder County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit

Date: 11-13-22

Ref: Steve King, Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery

The Boulder County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit recommends the Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery volunteer organization for the Colorado State Parks OHV Grant. Like most areas in Colorado, Boulder County has experienced an increase in outdoor recreationalists. The increased volume of people in the backcountry has put a strain on the Boulder County Sheriff's Office regarding the amount of search and rescue calls and stuck off-road vehicles.

Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery has become the agency our Deputies recommend to stuck off road vehicles when the tow companies cannot perform the recovery. This year alone the organization has undertaken 42 missions within Boulder County.

The Emergency Services Unit had the pleasure of working directly with the group to recover a stuck off-road vehicle. All the volunteers were professional, enthusiastic about off-roading, and well trained in the recovery process. Colorado 4x4 Unit has even brought their volunteers in to train our group on "simple" recoveries, which we all found very helpful.

The Emergency Services Unit works primarily with volunteer groups and understands the rise in fuel cost puts a strain on volunteers. It would be difficult for Boulder County to lose volunteers within Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery due to the cost strain, and we firmly believe the organization would put the grant money to good use.

Thank you,

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United States
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Agriculture

Forest
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White River
National Forest
Law Enforcement and
Investigations

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(970)468-5400
FAX (970)468-7735

Date: November 17, 2022

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery (CO4X4RNR) Grant Proposal

Dear Grant Review Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to express my full support for the Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery (CO4X4RNR) application for funding through the Colorado State Parks OHV Program. In my experience at the Dillon Ranger District, I have worked closely with CO4X4RNR on several recoveries related to recreational users and their vehicles on the National Forest. The volunteers with CO4X4RNR have demonstrated professionalism and a willingness to assist in difficult off-road recoveries. CO4X4RNR has also expertly communicated resource-impact concerns for potential recoveries.

Often, when visitors to the National Forest get their vehicles stuck, it does not surmount to an immediate emergency search and rescue response. CO4X4RNR fills this void in being able to assist individuals with recoveries before necessitating further state, county, or federal resources-preventing unnecessary mobilization of emergency services. In every case that CO4X4RNR has assisted me, I have been able to address any law enforcement issue with the user while the team assessed the recovery of their vehicle.

I look forward to continued assistance and cooperation from CO4X4RNR, and I am eager to support their request for funding. Please contact Christopher Denton, USFS Law Enforcement Officer or Christopher.denton@usda.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher Denton
Law Enforcement Officer



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EL PASO COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE



November 12, 2022

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery (CO4X4RNR) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery is applying for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant that will serve to help offset the cost of responder's mileage and encourage responder participation to meet the growing demand for calls for service from occupants of vehicles who are stuck in the backcountry of Colorado. El Paso County Search and Rescue (EPCSAR) strongly supports their efforts to provide these necessary services throughout the State and particularly in El Paso County.

EPCSAR is grateful for the assistance of Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery; we have found them to be a valuable partner and they are experts in providing rescue and recovery services. We are always in favor of supporting other non-profit groups dedicated to performing valuable life-safety missions at no cost to the customer.

Please consider this letter a statement of support for the efforts of Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly; thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Baker".

Harland Baker
President
El Paso County Search and Rescue
719-271-5222



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Sheriff – Jarrod Poley

Administrative Assistant - Theresa Beaver

November 11, 2022

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery (CO4X4RNR) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

Greetings, my name is Kenneth Juranek and I am employed as a Deputy Sheriff by the Jackson County Sheriff Office in Walden Colorado.

I have been employed as a Deputy since June 2019, and have dealt with several vehicle accidents on state highways and county roads. On August 27, 2022, I dealt with a motor vehicle accident that occurred when a driver set the emergency brake on his vehicle on a slope on a forest road. The vehicle started to roll and traveled 380 feet down a hill crashing into trees and rocks, and finally coming to a rest against two trees. Thankfully there were more major injuries during this incident.

Due to the technical recovery, the 4X4 recovery team was contacted and agreed to attempt the recovery. The team arrived on September 7, 2022, and I walked down to the site and listened as the team brain stormed on how to pull the vehicle out.

I stayed in contact with the team over the next 48 hours and on September 9, 2022, I was advised the car had been recovered and eventually placed in an area where a tow truck could load and remove the vehicle.

Prior to this incident, I had never met any of the members of this team, but became impressed by their professional approach to analyzing the incident to ensure a safe environment for the team, the amount of equipment brought to the scene, and their willingness to help.

I also discovered the team is self supportive and covers all their own costs.

I am grateful to the team for their willingness to help and professional approach to their mission.

Sincerely

Kenneth Juranek

Deputy Sheriff

396 LaFever Street Walden Colorado 80480

970-761-0661

To whom it may concern
November 23, 2022

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery (CO4X4RNR) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

My name is Devin Norcross, I own Norcross Consulting Services here locally in Denver. On October 27, 2022 I took a client out on an ATV ride in Rampart Range. Unfortunately, due to inexperience, my client totaled the ATV they were following in. I tried for 10 hours on Saturday to recover my unit and was unable to. The challenges were far beyond my knowledge base. With Winter fast approaching and the threat of extensive helicopter recovery fees imposed by the USFS, I reached out to the only resource I knew. I have followed along with the Colorado Off-Road 4x4 Rescue and Recovery (CO4X4RNR) Facebook page for years. I have seen the fantastic charity work they do saving automotive enthusiast from precarious positions. I called (CO4X4RNR) and left a voicemail which was returned within the hour. Within 2 hours (CO4X4RNR) had formulated a strategy and implemented a team to assist me in my recovery and set an appt time of 10:30 the next day.

The next day Steve King and his associate spent over 12 hours of their own time, money and knowledge assisting me in my recovery.

Throughout the operation, the group showed great concern to recover my disabled UTV. Steve personally physically jacked up and moved my 1000LB UTV 50-60 times. I was impressed by their level of professionalism, physical commitment and effective use of recovery gear and technique. They were thoughtful, well-coordinated and above all committed. We finally made it back to our vehicles well after dark and in subzero temperatures.

The recovery was successful and conducted safely. I am very grateful for their professional response and the level of concern they showed. These are truly selfless dedicated individuals who deserve support and provide an irreplaceable service to the OHV community of users. All OHV users are exposed to travel conditions that could one day require their support.

As a recipient of their volunteer service, I had a first-hand view of how this organization fits a need not otherwise supported by other groups or professional services. I highly recommend the Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery organization for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant.



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OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
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Re: Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery (CO4X4RNR) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

On behalf of the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee, I recommend the Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery organization for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant.

In response to an OHV trail and road user vehicle or vehicles that are unable to extract themselves from an area either due to trail or road conditions, or mechanical problems, the volunteers of the Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery organization are called upon to facilitate the extraction of affected parties and to recover the stricken vehicle(s). This response often means help is provided before the situation becomes a life-threatening emergency. These trail and road systems are often not otherwise accessible by law enforcement, the Forest Service, or by commercial tow agencies.

The response to these stuck vehicle situations is considered a vital component of the Colorado OHV system. Their volunteer personnel are well trained, organized, professional and can be counted on to perform these recoveries in a safe and swift manner.

Our committee understands the financial burden experienced by this group of volunteers due to the rise in fuel costs and the distances they are required to travel. We are confident that the Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery group will put the OHV grant money to good use to the benefit of OHV trail and road users.

Corey Corbett
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