

Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance

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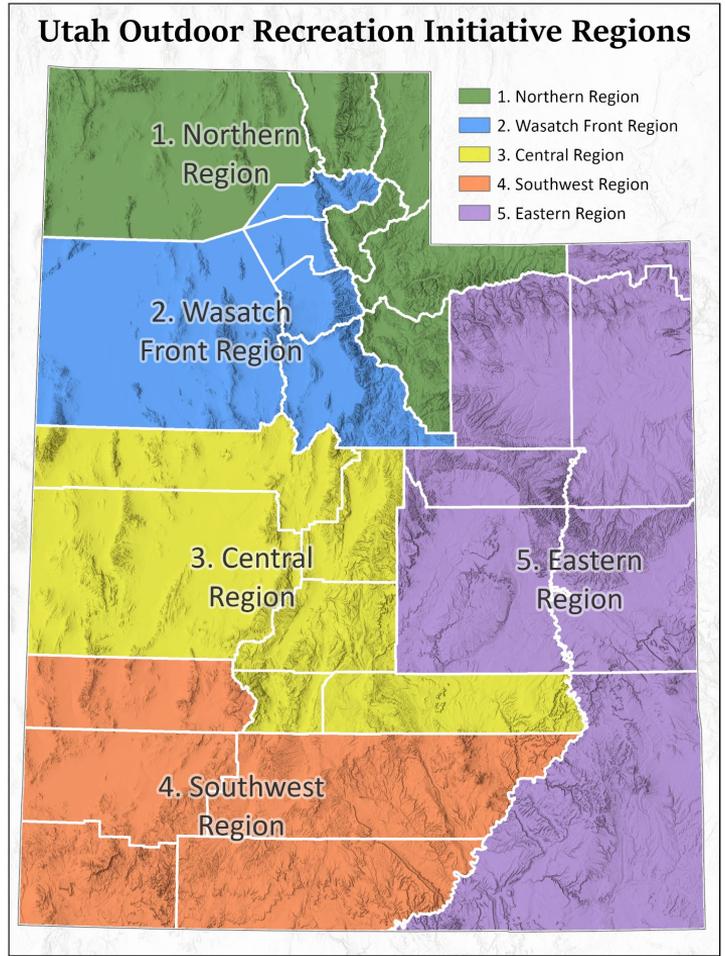
New Opportunity:

Long-Range Outdoor Recreation Planning

- Regional needs assessments & stakeholder alignment
- Project prioritization for OAC approval
 - Programmatic funding for approx. \$30 million annually



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Ranking Committee

2 members from UAC
2 members from UCLT
1-2 members from AOG
Federal Gov. Advisors (Non Voting)

General Recreation Council

Federal

United States Forest Service
Bureau of Land
Management
National Parks Service

State

State Parks
Division of Wildlife
Resources
TLA - Trust Lands
Administration
PLPCO

Local Governments

County/City Elected Officials
Tourism/Econ Development
Parks/Recreation Staff

General Public/Counsel

User Group Organizations
Conservation/Advocacy Organizations
Access Protection Organizations
Tribal
Adaptive
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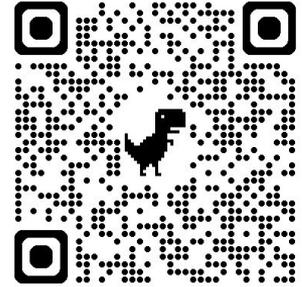


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Members that will vote for suggested projects.

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**DEADLINE TO APPLY:
July 31st**

General advisory and collaboration purpose.



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Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance (ORPA)

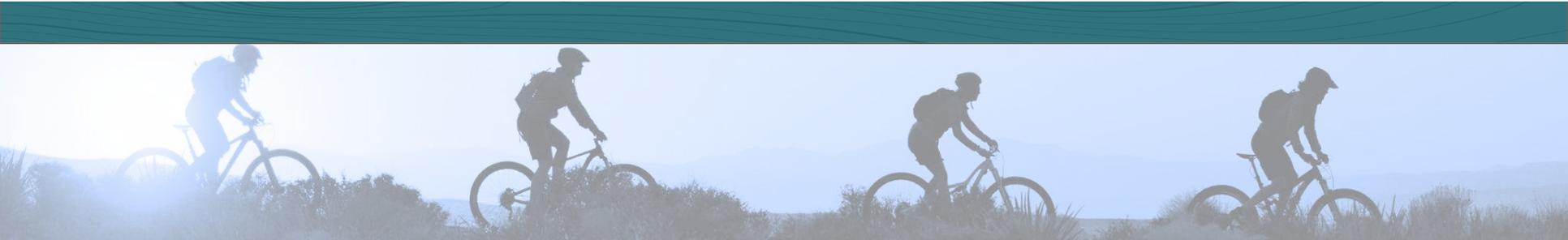
Who is eligible for ORPA?

*Municipalities, counties,
and tribal governments.*

*Trail organizations and
nonprofits can apply with
a government sponsor.*

ORPA is a technical assistance service created to help your community define its outdoor recreation goals. Our program aims to help communities build capacity at the local level by providing planning assistance, stakeholder and community engagement, and defining a plan of action.

ORPA is not intended to replace consulting services, rather, it is intended to help a community establish its vision and/or plan to pursue our various recreation grants.



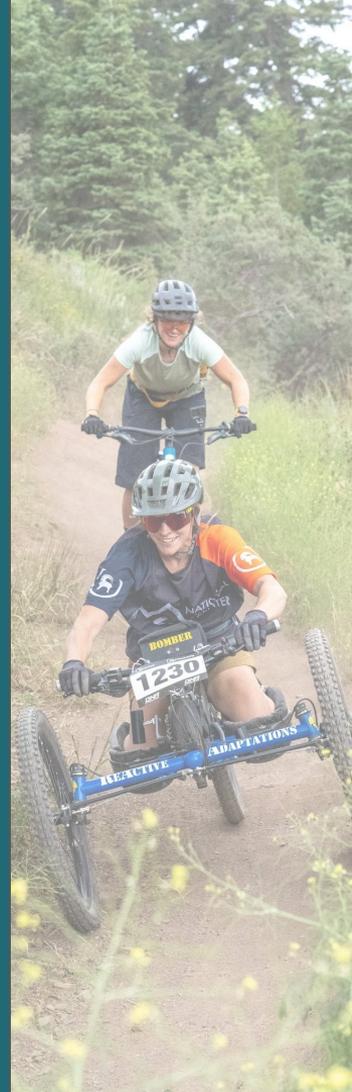
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Application Based Support may include:

- Community visioning and stakeholder facilitation
- Plan coordination and development
- Outreach and community input strategies and execution
- Trail counter deployment and visitor analysis
- Pre-DOR grant application coordination
- Field-data collection strategy and support
- Conceptual trail design assistance

Applications will be accepted online from Jan 17-Feb 24, 2024

- Letter of support from a City/County/Tribal representative.
- Coordination with Statewide Planner prior to application.



Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance (ORPA)



Mini-Consultations: ORPA offers ongoing mini-consultations to meet with your community. These meetings do not require an application and are available year-round, depending on availability.

What does a mini-consultation look like?

- *Series of meetings*
- *Site visits*
- *Connect you to resources*
- *Provide feedback on planning efforts or project goals*

To set up a meeting, please send an email to clansche@utah.gov



2023 ORPA Project Review

Selected communities:

- Uintah County (Vertical Trails)
- Wayne County - Bicknell (Trail System Plan)

Approx 37 Mini Consultations

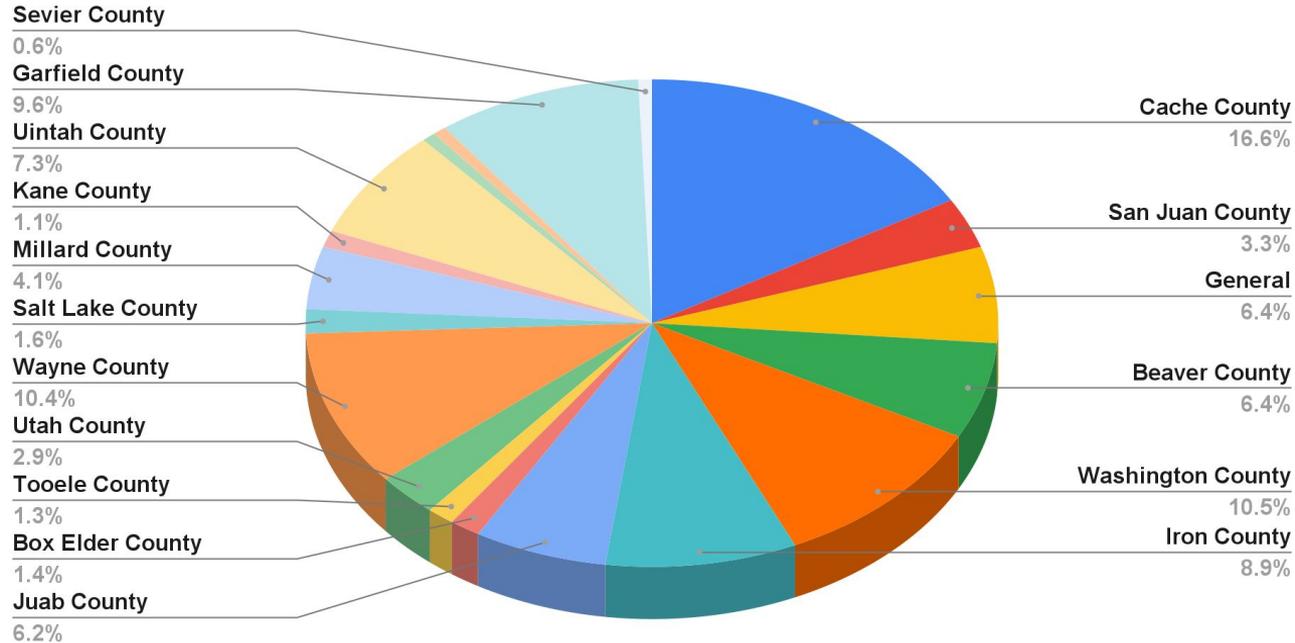


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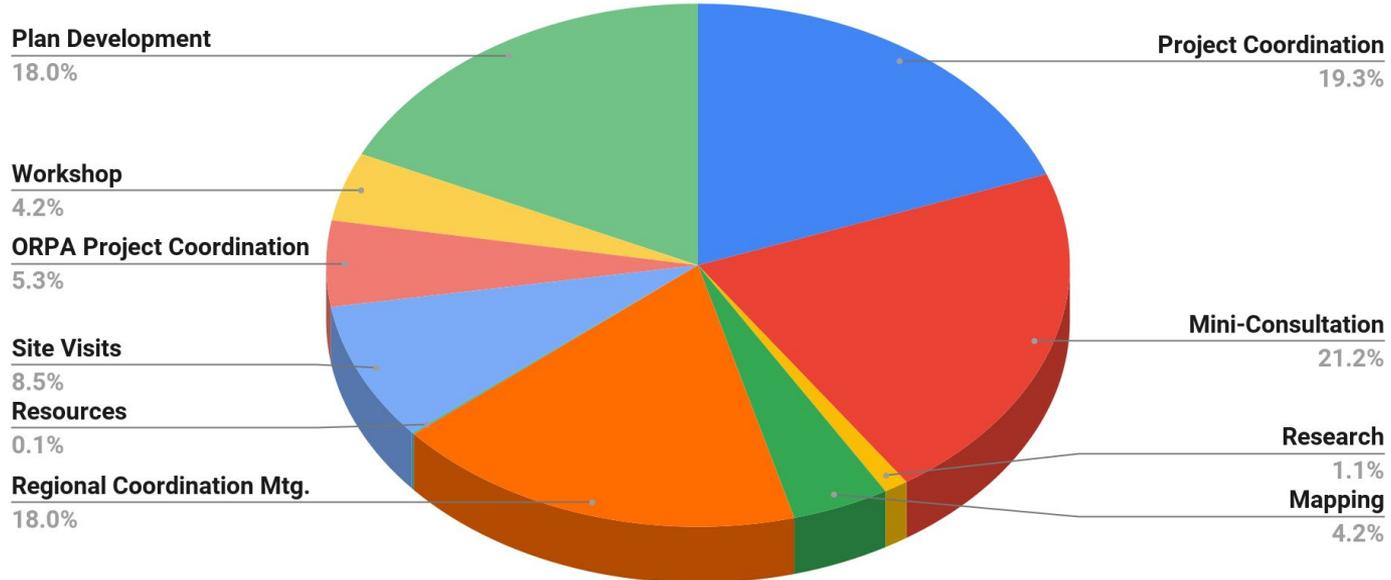
Hours of ORPA Assistance per County in 2023



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**Approximation of communities assisted. This does not include any communities engaged through the Utah Outdoor Recreation Strategic Planning process.*

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Uintah County - Vertical Trails

Project Overview:

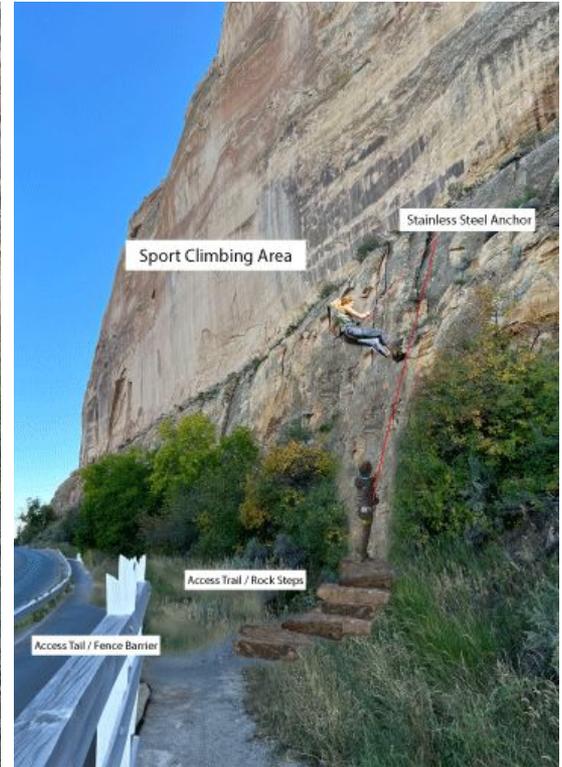
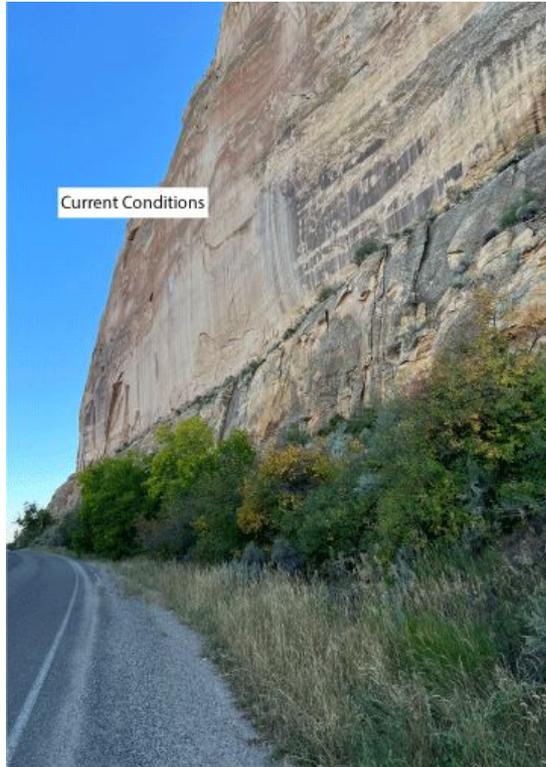
- Stakeholder facilitation
- Landowner Liability Statute Change (H.B. 88)
- UORG grant awarded and partnership developed with Salt Lake Climbers Alliance

- 1 PARKING
- 2 TRAILHEAD
- 3 TRAIL
- 4 STAGING AREA
- 5 CLIMBING ROUTE/ASCENT
- 6 FIXED ANCHOR
- 7 SUMMIT
- 8 DESCENT/RAPPEL
- 9 CAMPING
- 10 BOULDERING



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Remember the Maine + Flag Wall



Vision

Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance 2.0

BUILD AND SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE PROCESSES

Objective 1.1 - Increase the ability of municipal, county, state, tribal, and federal entities to access and share resources

Objective 1.2 - Increase the ability of user groups, non-profits, and private industry to support infrastructure development and maintenance

Objective 1.3 - Ensure infrastructure development and outdoor recreation management meets local needs

INCREASE THE ECONOMIC AND HEALTH BENEFITS GENERATED BY OUTDOOR RECREATION

Objective 4.1 - Distribute the economic benefits of outdoor recreation to the areas where use is occurring

Objective 4.2 - Increase the capacity of gateway and natural amenity regions to plan for, and manage, non-local visitation

Objective 4.3 - Improve the ability of individuals to achieve the mental and physical benefits of outdoor recreation

IMPROVE AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ABOUT SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE RECREATION

Objective 2.1 - Decrease the need for search and rescue support for uneducated or ill-prepared recreationists

Objective 2.2 - Foster a sense of stewardship for Utah's outdoors

Objective 2.3 - Minimize conflict between different outdoor recreation activities

Objective 2.4 - Increase all Utahns' awareness of the benefits of outdoor recreation



INCREASE ACCESS TO OUTDOOR RECREATION WHILE PROTECTING NATURAL AND SCENIC LANDSCAPES

Objective 3.1 - Provide a wide variety of recreation opportunities, ranging from the highly-developed to the very primitive

Objective 3.2 - Ensure existing outdoor recreation assets are well maintained for decades to come



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Objective 1.3 - Ensure infrastructure development and outdoor recreation management meets local needs

Bolster support for outdoor recreation planning assistance. There is an opportunity for Utah to build upon its exceptional financial commitments to outdoor recreation infrastructure development through coordinated planning assistance.

→ If properly funded and supported, planning assistance efforts can provide financial and organizational support to local and regional efforts to build, maintain, and diversify opportunities to engage in outdoor recreation. Importantly, they can also provide specialized knowledge and technical assistance to local and regional efforts – often these groups are fueled by passionate stakeholders who lack the time, knowledge, skills, and fiscal resources necessary to realize their visions. Coordinated planning assistance efforts can also ensure the efforts of local and regional working groups align with this strategic plan.



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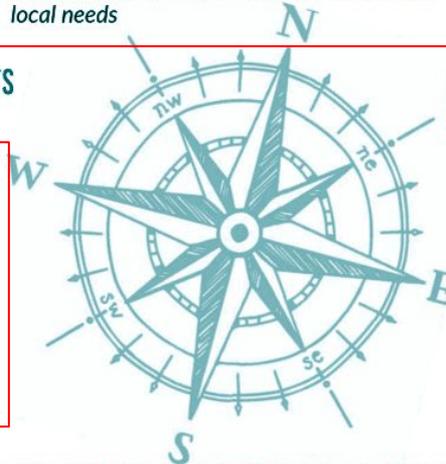
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What do feasibility studies, trail planning, and NEPA costs look like?

- Feasibility studies estimate: ~\$20k - \$100k
- Community plans (parks, trails, outdoor rec) estimate: ~\$50k-\$130k
- Professional consultations estimate: ~\$200-\$3,000
- NEPA (surveying, analysis, etc.) estimate: ~\$5,000 - \$70k



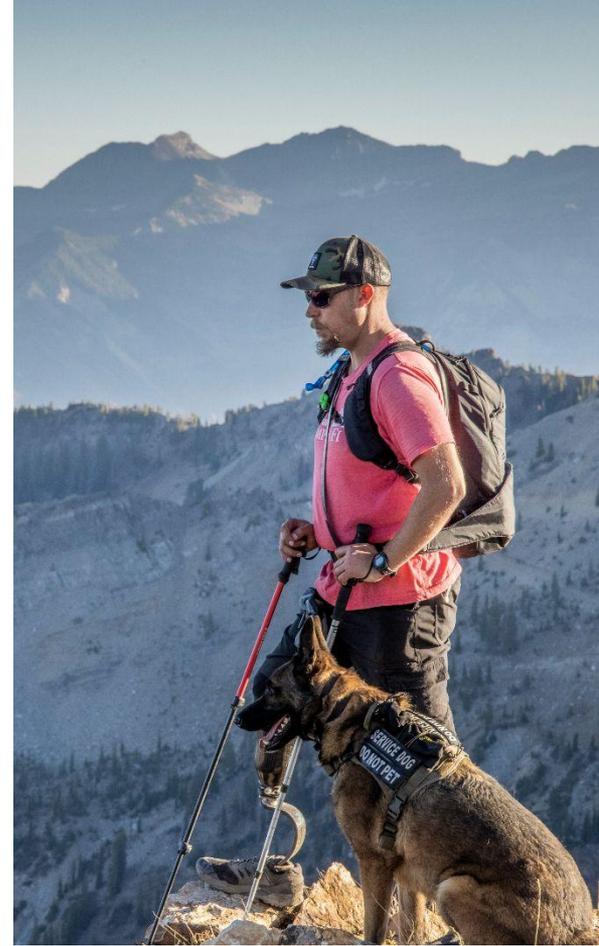
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How can DOR maximize the power of recreation planning?

One time \$1.5 million allocation to support local strategic planning projects as an arm of the Outdoor Recreation Initiative:

- Feasibility studies
- Community outdoor recreation / trail master planning
- Professional facilitation
- Professional consultations (adaptive expertise, etc.)
- Assistance with NEPA
- Preliminary design of outdoor recreation sites



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Proposed ORPA Project Solicitation

DOR's Support:

- Additional project support with GIS, oversight, and staff technical assistance
- 1 FTE supporting the program (salary not included in \$1.5 million request)

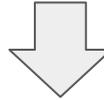
Proposed Timeline:

- Proposed application date open from August through September

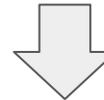
Application



DOR Staff Review



Approval



Funding and DOR Project Support & Oversight



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