

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL



NOVEMBER 24, 2025
MEETING PACKET
Virtual

UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

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HOST: *Department of Natural Resources*
1594 W. North Temple St. - Virtual
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116



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ATTENDEES: *Division of Outdoor Recreation Employees:*
Wade Allinson, Maureen Casper, Deirdre Miller, Rachel Toker, Jorge Vazquez

Division of Law Enforcement Employees:
Jacob Hinton

Attorney General's Office Representative:
Nicole Hanna

OHV Advisory Council Members:
Jason Blankenagel (Chair), Eric Nelson (Vice-Chair), Cheryl Butler, Russ Cazier, Kirk Chester, Mike Cook, Sheriff Curtis, Brett Davis, Dave Jacobson, Brody Johnson, Nicole Nielson, Scott Wheeler

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

6:00 p.m. INFORMATION	1. WELCOME	Virtual - Department of Natural Resources
	1.1. Call to Order	Jason Blankenagel, Chair
	1.2. Attendance and Introductions	Chair
ACTION	1.3. Approval of August 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes	Chair
6:05 p.m. INFORMATION	2. OHV EDUCATION PROGRAM	Deirdre Miller, Education Specialist
6:15 p.m. INFORMATION	3. ADULT OHV EDUCATION COURSE	Wade Allinson, OHV Program Manager
6:25 p.m. INFORMATION	4. TRAIL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM UPDATE	OHV Program Manager

6:35 p.m. INFORMATION	5. COUNCIL REQUESTS	OHV Program Manager & Rachel Toker, OHVR Grants
	5.1. Council engagement & spending overview	
	5.2. Funding transparency & program balance	
	5.3. Reporting & applicant guidance	
7:10 p.m. INFORMATION	6. 2026 EXPECTATIONS	OHV Program Manager
7:20 p.m. INFORMATION	7. PUBLIC COMMENT (if time permits)	Chair
7:30 p.m. ACTION	8. ADJOURNMENT	Chair

Item 1.3



OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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*Minutes Of The Meeting Held on August 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid*

HOST: *Utah Department of Natural Resources*
1594 West North Temple - Library
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116
(Virtual and in-person meeting)

ATTENDEES

OHV Council Members

Present:

Jason Blankenagel (Chair)
Eric Nelson (Vice-Chair)
Brody Johnson
Scott Wheeler
Mike Cook
Cheryl Butler
Nicole Nielson
Brett Davis
Dave Jacobson
Nathan Curtis
Bonnie McCallister

Absent:

Kirk Chester

Division of Outdoor Recreation:

Rachel Toker
Jorge Vazquez
Patrick Morrison
Maureen Casper
Wade Allinson
Nathan Condor
Jacob Hinton

Division of State Parks:

Chris Haramoto

Department of Natural Resources:

Paul Gedge

Attorney General:

Nicole Hanna

Visitors:

Loren Campbell
Dennis Marker
Mike Warner
Mark Smoot
Kim Clausing
Kevin Nunn
Scott Solle
Candice Harte
Mark Palmer
Sgt. Brad Hines
Randy Rhodes
Paul Jewkes
Keltain Reece-Sullivan
Madeline Logowitz
Cody Draper
Chad Taylor
Helen Johnson
Brett Stewart
Josh Nielson
Alma Burges
Shannon Bushman
Josh Laursen
Gennie Bird
Kate Waller
Dave Welker
Suzette Bulloch
Clif Koontz
Kaydn Ence
Randy Varner
Celeste Meyeres
Kelly Stowell

Shannon Eberhard

Audio/video recording of this meeting is located at:

 Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council 8/20/2025 (re-post)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM AND SUMMARY
0:00	<p>1. WELCOME</p> <p>1.1. Call to Order The Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory (OHV) Council Chair, Jason Blankenagel, called the meeting to order, and OHV Grant Administrator Rachel Toker recorded the minutes. Ms. Toker also took attendance of the council members present. With a quorum of council members in attendance, the meeting proceeded with its agenda.</p> <p>1.2. Attendance and Introductions Chair Blankenagel introduced himself to the council and everyone in attendance. He then asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. Council members provided their names and affiliations for the record.</p> <p>1.3. OHV Program Manager Wade Allinson, the OHV Program Manager, shared insights from a recent multi-state conference in Colorado, noting that Utah is leading the nation in OHV registration and program funding due to strong enforcement and council support. He emphasized that Utah's program generates substantial revenue compared to neighboring states and maintains an active council that plays a key role in the program's overall success. While grants are a central focus, he highlighted that the council's role extends beyond approvals, supporting both motorized and, indirectly, non-motorized recreation infrastructure.</p> <p>Mr. Allinson also reported on the increased workload of the current grant cycle, expressed appreciation for staff efforts, and underscored the importance of maximizing leverage when awarding grants. He provided updates on the establishment of a heavy equipment crew, noting that hiring and coordination are underway but experiencing delays due to seasonal challenges and trail rehabilitation needs following recent fires. He concluded by emphasizing the value of improving grant tracking, providing county-level funding data, and maintaining transparency to help council members represent program impacts in their communities.</p>
19:00	<p>1.4. Approval of May 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes Chair Blankenagel opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2025, meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHAIR BLANKENAGEL MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 23, 2025, MEETING MINUTES. BRODY JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION, SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>1.5. Approval of August 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes Chair Blankenagel opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2025, meeting.</p>

CHAIR BLANKENAGEL MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 6, 2025, MEETING MINUTES. BRODY JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION, SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

21:30 2. RULES 650-301. OHV RECREATION (OHVR) GRANT

The Council reviewed two proposed rule amendments. The first would allow in-kind contributions to be counted up to one year prior to the awarding of a grant, as requested by an applicant. The second was a minor adjustment to project date requirements. Draft language for both changes was included in the meeting packet, and the Motorized Grant Analyst, Jorge Vazquez, shared the proposed updates on screen for discussion.

23:00 2.1. Historic Volunteer Hours

The Council discussed allowing in-kind contributions up to 12 months prior to the execution of a grant contract, emphasizing that volunteer hours must be directly related to the project scope. Council Member, Sheriff Curtis, and other members highlighted the importance of limiting contributions to work that directly supports the project, excluding activities such as grant writing. The Council agreed that pre-approval or documentation by the Division of Outdoor Recreation staff could ensure integrity and clarity, with flexibility to address unique circumstances. It was noted that specifics would be implemented through policy rather than rule to allow adaptability, and the motion to approve the language with discretion by the Division of Outdoor Recreation was made.

SHERIFF CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RULES. SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

48:45 2.2. Future Grant Cycle Dates

The Council discussed updating the OHV grant cycle schedule. Ms. Toker proposed changing the cycle from spring and summer to spring and fall, shortening the application window to approximately 45 days to allow sufficient time for staff review while maintaining public accessibility. Consideration was given to aligning review deadlines, contract execution timelines, and federal requirements, with flexibility built in to accommodate large or phased projects. It was agreed to define grant cycles as twice yearly, with specific dates determined and published in advance each year.

BRODY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RULES. MIKE COOK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1:00:00 2.3. Rule Recommendations & Additional Input From OHV Advisory Council

With no additional recommendations or input, the Council moved on to the next agenda item.

2.4. Approval of Updated Rules

Following the discussion, the updated rules were approved, and the Council proceeded to agenda item 3.

1:01:00 3. TRAIL CREW UPDATE

Nathan Conder, Trail Crew Supervisor out of Richfield, was invited to provide an overview of his crew's work throughout central Utah. His team focuses on motorized and non-motorized trails, maintaining a balance of 50/50 where possible.

Mr. Conder highlighted recent projects, including work on Monroe Canyon (rerouting a portion of the Jamboree trails due to fire impact), Pahvant, San Rafael, Huntington Canyon, and the Sanpete Ranger District. He noted the crew has added a jackhammer to their equipment this year, allowing them to remove large rocks efficiently, and emphasized their availability for emergency trail work, offering their services as “free labor” to assist on short notice.

Council members expressed appreciation for the update and recognized the crew’s contributions. Mr. Conder also confirmed his attendance at the Rocky Mount Jamboree guide meeting on August 27th, with flexibility for family participation. The Council acknowledged the Division’s contribution of approximately \$400,000 to the trail crews and thanked Mr. Conder for his leadership.

1:32:15 4. STATE PARKS PRICING MENU FOR OHV EVENT PERMITS

Chris Haramoto, the Deputy Director of the Division of State Parks, provided an update on SITLA fees, explaining that Washington County event organizers are charged a 4% fee on special use permits, which is collected through the Division and used to support local OHV community projects, such as infrastructure improvements requested by counties or cities. He noted attempts to consolidate fees for additional SITLA properties (e.g., near Sand Mountain) were unsuccessful, meaning organizers must pay separate fees for those areas. Mr. Haramoto also discussed improvements to the special use permit process, including the rollout of an online application portal to streamline submissions and payments, and the introduction of multi-year contracts for recurring events to provide stability in pricing and operations. The Council briefly discussed coordination with BLM regarding upcoming changes to their special recreation permit system.

1:09:00 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Smoot, Bear Lake Trails Foundation, provided an update on their winter grooming program in Logan Canyon. Last year, the program maintained approximately 15–18 miles of trails, including Beaver Creek Trail, cross-country areas, and the “Amazon” connector to Swan Flats. The program received positive feedback from users, and Mr. Smoot noted interest in continuing the program for a second year with potential funding assistance. He emphasized that motorized and non-motorized trails are well-separated to avoid user conflicts.

Dennis Marker and Mike Warner with Gunnison City discussed trail system development in their community, including maintaining existing motorized trails while expanding mountain bike access. They highlighted funding needs for access improvements, parking, and trail enhancements to support recreational use, including events like races, while minimizing conflicts between different trail users.

Kevin Nunn, the Chief of the North Tooele Fire Protection Service District, provided insight into search and rescue operations within their district. Chief Nunn described challenges reaching injured or stranded recreationists in remote areas, noting that the grant-funded side-by-side and ATV equipment significantly improves response capabilities. Chief Nunn emphasized the importance of proper training for staff using this equipment, noting that 28–30 firefighters require certification to safely operate it. He also described areas suitable for off-road response and highlighted that motorcycles or single-track vehicles would primarily be used to access difficult terrain.

Sheriff Curtis commented that two-wheeled vehicles can improve response times in certain areas and emphasized the importance of collaboration with the sheriff’s office to protect the statutory role of search and rescue.

1:42:15

After Mr. Haramoto's presentation, the council returned to the public comment section of the meeting. Suzette Bulloch from Southern Utah University discussed two grant requests to support trail maintenance at Fish Lake and Dixie National Forest and provide hands-on student mentorship. Ms. Bulloch highlighted previous OHV awards used to purchase a UTV and utility trailer and noted that crews will begin work in spring 2026.

2:39:00

Madeline Logowitz and Keltain Reece-Sullivan from Grand County Active Transportation & Trails described their ongoing motorized trail ambassador program, which complements existing non-motorized programs, and emphasized the need for an OHV trail coordinator to coordinate with land managers and nonprofit partners.

1:54:30 **6. LUNCH**

At this time, the OHV Advisory Council turned off the recording and took a 30-minute lunch break.

2:40:45 **7. OHVR GRANT REVIEW FOR SUMMER FY26**

At this time, Chair Blankenagel turned the time over to the five applicant presentations. These applicants were given time to speak during the meeting because their projects either exceeded the allowable funding request or it was a specific circumstance.

7.1. Applicant Presentation, APP-004632 (#15)

The applicant withdrew their application before the meeting. Therefore, the chair moved on to the next presentation.

7.2. Applicant Presentation, APP-004625 (#17)

Scott Solle, Vice Commander of Grant County Search and Rescue, presented the need to replace aging UTVs to maintain response capacity, noting that Grand County handles roughly a third of the state's OHV-related search and rescue calls. He also discussed the use of state reimbursement programs and outreach efforts to educate the public on OHV registration dollars supporting search and rescue operations.

3:01:15 **7.3. Applicant Presentation, APP-004649 (#14)**

Kelly Stowell and Celeste Meyeres presented on behalf of Kane County regarding Duck Creek Village. The presentation focused on improving Trail One and adjacent trailhead parking to enhance safety and accessibility for both OHVs and general traffic. The county is taking over the project from the Duck Creek Village Legacy Project and has secured \$65,000 in prior funding for engineering and materials. Council members asked clarifying questions regarding parking allocation, trailhead access, jurisdiction, and ensuring long-term OHV use, which were addressed by Mr. Stowell and Ms. Meyeres.

3:18:30 **7.4. Applicant Presentation, APP-004635 (#23)**

Loren Campbell with Utah Public Lands Alliance presented on a full-time executive director position. The role is intended to engage OHV users, clubs, and land managers across the state to support trail preservation and management. The organization emphasized the need for outreach, education, and advocacy to ensure sustained public engagement and protection of OHV trails, highlighting that volunteer efforts alone have not been sufficient. Budget considerations, reporting requirements, and strategies for hiring a qualified candidate were discussed. Council members asked questions regarding staffing, travel, and necessary resources to fulfill the position's objectives.

3:28:45 **7.5. Soren Presentation, OHV Tourism (#31-33)**

Cody Draper and Chad Taylor presented the Soren marketing campaign, highlighting efforts to increase OHV trail visitation in Wayne, Sevier, and Garfield Counties. Early results showed a 26% increase in trail visitors and substantial website engagement. The presenters also discussed tracking economic impact through visitor spending, the importance of measurable and trackable digital outreach compared to traditional media, and plans to provide the council with detailed, transparent data on visitation trends and origins to assess campaign effectiveness.

3:44:00 8. CONTINUE OHVR GRANT REVIEW FOR SPRING FY25

During the Summer FY26 grant review, the council first discussed application 4681 (Logan Canyon), confirming receipt of a Forest Service support letter and noting strong partnership and project value; a roll call vote approved the application. Application 4678 (Gunnison – Ghill Trail Improvements) was recommended for approval contingent on the installation of a recognition sign and the applicant securing funds from SITLA. Staff will work with the applicant and SITLA to ensure these conditions are met.

Application 4643 (NTFD Emergency Medical Rescue Response) was reviewed with attention to training, e-bike use, and potential overlap with existing search and rescue agencies; concerns were raised about redundancy and effectiveness, with suggestions to reduce training costs and coordinate with state programs, but no formal vote was recorded.

BRODY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO REDUCE THE PROJECT BY \$10,000. SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The council then reviewed Summit County Search and Rescue application 4652, focusing on the high cost of Motorola radios compared to alternatives and coverage for only a portion of the team. Sheriff Curtis proposed reducing the grant by 50% to \$52,300 to better align costs with available alternatives and ensure efficient use of funds.

SHERIFF CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO REDUCE THE PROJECT BY HALF. BRODY JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYE:
BRODY JOHNSON
SHERIFF CURTIS
BONNIE MCCALISTER
JASON BLANKENAGEL
ERIC NELSON
BRETT DAVIS

NAY:
SCOTT WHEELER
MIKE COOK
NICOLE NEILSON

ABSTAIN/ABSENT:
CHERYL BUTLER
DAVE JACOBSON
KIRK CHESTER

THE MOTION PASSED.

The OHV Advisory Council reviewed two Summit University grant applications, 4650 and 4713, and held a roll call vote. Both grants were approved unanimously.

The council also discussed the Grand County Education Grant (application 4630) related to the Trail Ambassador program. Due to uncertainty regarding funding, program administration, and potential staff transfer to a nonprofit or county department.

ERIC NELSON MADE A MOTION TO REDUCE THE PROJECT BY HALF AND ALLOT A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT INSTEAD OF 28 MONTHS. SHERIFF CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYE:
ERIC NELSON
SHERIFF CURTIS
BONNIE MCCALISTER
JASON BLANKENAGEL
BRETT DAVIS
SCOTT WHELLER
NICOLE NEILSON
MIKE COOK

NAY:
BRODY JOHNSON

ABSTAIN/ABSENT:
CHERYL BUTLER
DAVE JACOBSON
KIRK CHESTER

THE MOTION PASSED.

The Grand County Search and Rescue grant (application 4625) for \$61,673.95 passed unanimously. Kane County Duck Creek's grant (application 4649) was discussed, but concerns over parking solutions rather than trail improvements led to the motion for full funding failing. The Utah Public Lands Alliance grant (application 4635) was approved following confirmation that prior concerns had been resolved. Three promotional tourism grants (applications 4662, 4687, and 4686) were discussed, noting the value of shared data, and approved, with Sheriff Curtis abstaining from the application in his county.

The council discussed funding for Salt Lake County Search and Rescue, reviewing the request for one drone and associated accessory costs to ensure alignment with project needs and budget.

BRODY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO REDUCE THE PROJECT TO ONE DRONE. SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYE:
BRODY JOHNSON
SCOTT WHELLER
SHERIFF CURTIS
BONNIE MCCALISTER
JASON BLANKENAGEL
BRETT DAVIS
NICOLE NEILSON
MIKE COOK

NAY:
ERIC NELSON

ABSTAIN/ABSENT:
CHERYL BUTLER
DAVE JACOBSON
KIRK CHESTER

THE MOTION PASSED.

Remaining applications were approved through group voting. The council reviewed the educational project 4621 submitted by 4621 SLC Built Jeeps, discussing the off-road lighting line item and considering adjustments to the proposed budget.

BRETT DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO REDUCE THE PROJECT TO EXCLUDE LINE ITEM 6 FOR LIGHTING FROM THE PROJECT. SHERIFF CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYE:
BRETT DAVIS
SHERIFF CURTIS
SCOTT WHELLER
BONNIE MCCALISTER
JASON BLANKENAGEL
BRODY JOHNSON

NAY:
MIKE COOK

ABSTAIN/ABSENT:
NICOLE NEILSON
CHERYL BUTLER
DAVE JACOBSON
KIRK CHESTER

ERIC NELSON**THE MOTION PASSED.**

The Canyon Country Super Loop application (4660) was discussed, and due to a lack of letters of support from two federal land management agencies, the council decided not to fund it at this time but encouraged the applicant to reapply after coordinating with the agencies. The Washington County 4 Youth Safety Program was also reviewed, and the council voted not to fund the application, noting similar training is already offered free through law enforcement.

The council discussed the Steinaker Draw Trail/Road Cattle Guards project (4646), including the potential addition of a third cattle guard and adjustments to the proposed funding.

BRODY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL CATTLE GUARD TO THE REQUEST. SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finally, a block motion to approve all remaining applications, except the land acquisition project (4735). The council discussed that if the non-profit were to dissolve, then the land would go to the council.

BRODY JOHNSON PROPOSED ADDING A CONTRACT CLAUSE THAT THE LAND WOULD BE DEEDED TO THE COUNTY IF THE NONPROFIT DISSOLVED. SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

SUMMER FY26 - OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Out of the **34** Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation (OHVR) grant applications received, the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council has recommended **30** for funding in the FY26 Q1 - Summer period.
 - **One** application was withdrawn by the organization before the grant review.
 - **Three** applications were not recommended for funding.

Color Key	
Recommended for Funding	Not Recommended for Funding
Withdrawn	

#	FY26 Q1 - Summer	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested	Recommended	Category
1	<p>Fishlake National-IIC - OHV Paiute & Gooseberry OHV Trail Systems: This project would provide four interns to complete 200 miles of motorized trail maintenance, including logging out, brushing, tread work, and signing. This maintenance will take place on the Paiute, Gooseberry, and Great Western Trail Systems on the Fishlake National Forest.</p>	Southern Utah University	\$100,789.22	\$71,541.20	\$71,541.20	Trail Work
2	<p>Fishlake Motorized Trail Infrastructure: This project will include the purchase of materials to fabricate, paint, and stock steel barriers, concrete, and rebar for installation. These barriers have been designed to be vandal and tamper-resistant to minimize future maintenance. We will also purchase materials to fabricate OHV cattle guards for range fence permit boundaries. Newly designed cattle guards have been designed to be safer for ATV/UTV use, as well as more effective cattle discouragement. These are for OHV motorized trails only.</p>	Fishlake National Forest	\$13,730.90	\$10,092.50	\$10,092.50	Trail Work
3	<p>Millard County Trail Maintenance: Millard County Tourism seeks funding to acquire a Trail Dozer to support trail maintenance and upkeep on over 1,000 miles of multi-use trails. The project will utilize both mechanized and hand tools, support worker compensation, and assist in trail assessments. It will aid the Forest Service, BLM, and County Road Dept. in preserving access and sustainability.</p>	Millard County Tourism	\$170,975.50	\$123,682.00	\$123,682.00	Trail Work

4	<p>Dixie N.F. - IIC - OHV Pine Valley and Cedar City District OHV Trail System: This project would provide four interns for two summer seasons to complete 50+ miles of motorized trail maintenance, including logging out, brushing, tread work, and signing. This maintenance will take place on the trail systems of the Dixie National Forest.</p>	Southern Utah University	\$243,847.83	\$176,619.98	\$176,619.98	Trail Work
5	<p>Fivemile Pass Recreation Area Restroom Maintenance and Kiosk Installation: To address the toll 12-plus years of heavy use and vandalism have had on staging area amenities at Fivemile Pass Recreation Area, The BLM Salt Lake Field Office is seeking funds to improve existing restrooms and install new kiosks at 7 locations that directly support off-highway vehicle recreation in northern Utah. By improving existing amenities, SLFO hopes to enhance public health and sanitation at Fivemile Pass and better disseminate critical user safety and resource protection guidelines.</p>	Bureau of Land Management - Salt Lake Field Office	\$76,198.96	\$53,300.96	\$53,300.96	Trail Work
6	<p>SE UT Singletrack Maintenance: This project will do major maintenance of motorized singletrack at Sovereign Trail, Dubinky, Temple Mountain, Chimney Rock, and the Ferron Ranger District. Ride with Respect will coordinate with other local motorcycle groups and land managers to complement their own work on these trails. An experienced crew on motorcycles will ensure that the work is efficient and effective to improve the longevity of trails and the enjoyment of singletrack riders.</p>	Ride with Respect	\$51,060.00	\$35,764.00	\$35,764.00	Trail Work

7	<p>Badlands, Robbers Roost & Poison Springs Trail Support Initiative: This project will help get trails ready by working with agencies to get the needed approvals before putting up signs or starting any major work. It will support travel and fuel costs for volunteers and the project lead, mainly for the Badlands, Robber's Roost, and Poison Springs Trail Systems. Some funding will also go toward buying signs, stickers, and other materials to keep things moving forward.</p>	Utah OHV Advocates	\$45,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	Trail Work
8	<p>Steinaker Draw Trail/Road Cattle Guards: Uintah County is proposing the installation of two cattle guards on Steinaker Draw Road, a historic county trail/road and key access point for the Moonshine Arch and Red Mountain Trail system. This project will replace restrictive gates that have blocked public access in recent years, resolving long-standing conflicts and ensuring continued use by OHV users. This solution will enhance trail connectivity, improve user experience, and provide a practical solution.</p> <p>The council elected to increase funding for this project to include a third cattle guard, recognizing that three are necessary to adequately resolve the issue, whereas the applicant had only requested two.</p>	Uintah County	\$28,782.72	\$15,000.00	\$22,500.00	Trail Work
9	<p>Color Country OHV Trail Maintenance - Fall 2025: The project is mainly to support trail maintenance through equipment operations, equipment maintenance, and the purchase of a 6-way blade for the skid steer. Trails needing attention are those identified</p>	Iron County	\$44,699.00	\$33,550.00	\$33,550.00	Trail Work

	by BLM and Forest Service during our annual coordination meeting each spring.					
10	<p>Gunnison City - G Hill Trail Improvement: Improving an existing access road and natural surface parking area on State Trust Lands for the 700-acre G Hill recreation area located in Sanpete County, northeast of Gunnison City. The parking area will become a trailhead to over 6 miles of ATV/motorbike playground trails and more than 11 miles of non-motorized trails.</p> <p>This project was awarded funding with the understanding that program staff will engage SITLA to explore the possibility of a cost-sharing contribution.</p>	Gunnison City	\$120,450.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	Trail Work
11	<p>Seasonal Trails Crew 26-27: Uintah County is requesting continued funding to support its seasonal two-person trail crew for the 2026 and 2027 seasons. Since 2024, the crew has maintained and improved OHV trails in Uintah County by repairing damage, clearing debris, installing signage, and assisting with trail projects and events. Their ongoing work ensures trail safety, accessibility, and sustainability, with plans to expand signage efforts, stabilize and repair trails, and enhance the OHV trail network in Uintah County.</p>	Uintah County	\$90,020.00	\$75,120.00	\$75,120.00	Trail Work
12	<p>Trail Beautification and Improvements at FISP: Fremont Indian State Park is a park that offers it all. From cultural heritage, hiking trails, outdoor education, to OHV trails and camping. The existing trails and trailheads within our park have seen increased</p>	Fremont Indian State Park & Museum	\$153,596.35	\$99,539.50	\$99,539.50	Trail Work

	visitation and are in need of updating and improvements. This project will focus on updating trail equipment for staff, hiring seasonal trail workers, updating trailhead facilities, grooming current trails, updating trail signage, and improving the overall visitor experience.					
1 6	Juab Search and Rescue Snowmobiles: In order to better serve the citizens in Juab County with winter rescue efforts, Juab Search and Rescue wants to purchase two snowmobiles. These will be used to access the remote areas of Juab County during the winter months when the snow makes all other forms of travel impossible.	Juab County Sheriff's Office	\$37,500.00	\$28,125.00	\$28,125.00	Search and Rescue
1 7	GCSAR OHV Update and Refresh: Grand County Search and Rescue responds to a large number of calls in remote areas, and many of these areas are accessible by UTVs, the backbone of GCSAR. It is not uncommon to have 3 simultaneous calls. Our professional responders need updated response vehicles to access these patients in need of help. GCSAR is looking to replace 2 aging UTVs with 2 new units to ensure a dependable backup fleet for when vehicles have mechanical failure or for responding to multiple simultaneous operations.	Grand County Search and Rescue	\$82,231.80	\$61,673.85	\$61,673.85	Search and Rescue
1 8	Summit County SAR: This project will provide Motorola APX8000 radios to Summit County Search and Rescue to improve communication, coordination, and safety during OHV-related emergency responses. These multi-band	Summit County Search and Rescue	\$149,431.52	\$104,602.06	\$52,300.00	Search and Rescue

	<p>radios ensure interoperability with other agencies and reliable coverage in remote terrain, supporting safe and effective OHV recreation throughout Summit County.</p> <p>The council voted to reduce the funding by half, approving the purchase of 14 radios rather than the 28 originally requested.</p>					
19	<p>SAR Electric Dirt Bikes: We would like to purchase 2 electric motorcycles. This will have a small footprint and provide quick access to areas of the county that would otherwise be inaccessible, or too much of a time constraint to provide the best rescue efforts with other means as traditional hiking.</p>	Washington County Sheriff's Office	\$11,000.00	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00	Search and Rescue
20	<p>NTFD Emergency Medical & Rescue Response to Recreation Request Part 2: The North Tooele Fire District (NTFD) is requesting supplemental funding through the OHVR Program to further expand its emergency medical and rescue response capacity for OHV-related incidents along the I-80 corridor and on surrounding Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. Following the successful acquisition of core off-road response vehicles and equipment in 2025, this Part 2 request builds on that momentum by introducing new response tools and investing in advanced OHV safety training.</p> <p>The request included \$10,000 for employee OHV training; however, after consultation with the Law Enforcement OHV Program Manager, it was determined that the</p>	North Tooele Fire Protection Service District	\$36,750.00	\$27,500.00	\$17,500.00	Search and Rescue

	applicant could receive this training through the DNR at no cost, making the funding unnecessary.					
2 1	Cache County Search and Rescue - e Bikes: The Cache County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team is seeking to purchase quality e-bikes that can withstand the strenuous demands of search and rescue call-outs. Our experience with lower-quality e-bikes has shown us the importance of investing in durable equipment.	Cache County	\$19,599.98	\$13,599.98	\$13,599.98	Search and Rescue
2 2	Enhancing Search and Rescue Efforts Through Unmanned Aerial Systems: Acquisition of Two (2) DJI M30 Drones with Thermal Sensors to Support All-Weather Search and Rescue Operations in Salt Lake County, with Occasional Assistance Provided to Surrounding Regions. This project requested funding for two drones to assist with search and rescue operations in Salt Lake County, which contains approximately four miles of OHV trails. After deliberation, the council determined there was a need to support non-motorized users and approved funding for one drone rather than the two requested.	Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office	\$15,100.00	\$19,000.00	\$9,500.00	Search and Rescue
2 3	Professionalizing the Leadership of UPLA: This grant will enable the Utah Public Lands Alliance (UPLA) to hire an Executive Director (ED) to protect and enhance OHV recreation opportunities. The ED will be UPLA's principal public representative to conduct outreach and education across Utah,	Utah Public Lands Alliance	\$242,789.40	\$181,280.00	\$181,280.00	Access Protection

	<p>developing relations with local clubs, communities, and land managers to cultivate understanding and achieve common goals. The ED will also cooperate with our natural resource consultant to participate in public lands planning.</p>					
2 4	<p>Moab Motorized Trail Ambassador Program: Phase 2: Since 2023, Grand County's OHV Trail Ambassador Program has provided educational resources and promoted safe and responsible recreation to over 10,000 motorized users in the Moab area. This application seeks funding to continue this essential program and, in response to local needs, expand the scope of the Ambassador program to support stewardship efforts on motorized trails.</p> <p>Given the uncertainty regarding whether this program will transition to a nonprofit or another entity, the council elected to fund the project at half of the requested amount and approved a one-year contract. This approach ensures the program will not be left without support when its current contract ends, allowing education efforts in Grand County to continue if the program is not established elsewhere.</p>	<p>Grand County Economic Development</p>	<p>\$158,646.15</p>	<p>\$196,314.30</p>	<p>\$98,157.15</p>	<p>Education</p>
2 6	<p>Tread Lightly! Utah 2025 - 2027: Tread Lightly! is requesting funding to support a Utah-specific program manager who will operate a state-wide outdoor recreation ethics and stewardship/conservation program. The program manager will implement all</p>	<p>Tread Lightly</p>	<p>\$296,440.00</p>	<p>\$150,000.00</p>	<p>\$150,000.00</p>	<p>Education</p>

	aspects of the program, including public outreach, development and dissemination of educational materials, event attendance, and execution of stewardship projects.					
2 7	Emery County Trails Maps: Emery County will use the funds to design, produce, and distribute trail maps for local and visiting outdoor enthusiasts. These maps will support public education, promote responsible recreation, protect natural resources, and reduce the frequency of search and rescue efforts.	Emery County Travel Bureau	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	Education
2 8	SLC Built Jeeps Education: This project is all about building a community of skilled and responsible off-road drivers here in Utah. Through our partnership with SLC Built Jeeps, we'll offer practical, hands-on training that covers the core skills every driver needs: trail etiquette, safe recovery methods, basic trail maintenance, vehicle upkeep, and clear communication on the trail. By teaching essential skills, we can prevent trail damage and keep our public lands healthy and accessible for everyone, for years to come. The applicant initially requested funding for vehicle lights to demonstrate safe night riding; however, the council determined this was not an appropriate educational item and removed it from the budget.	SLC Built Jeeps	\$22,349.90	\$15,849.90	\$10,849.90	Education
2 9	Logan Canyon Grooming Program: The foundation will supplement winter trail grooming for snowmobilers	The Bear Lake Trails Foundation	\$107,340.00	\$80,875.00	\$80,875.00	Snowmobile

	<p>performed by Utah State Parks through the lease of a snowcat in the upper Logan Canyon area. We completed year one (1) this past winter season. Usage in that area has continued to increase year on year. We would be doing the major trail heads leaving from Beaver Creek and the Swan Flats area, being connected by the Amazon trail. The end goal is a consistent, safe, enjoyable experience for all levels of riders.</p>					
30	<p>Motorized Avalanche Forecasting: This project supports avalanche forecasting and education for motorized users in Utah. Additional funding addressing a 56% increase in our Collection Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. OHVR funds will help maintain daily forecasts, field ops, and motorized outreach in key zones—preserving vital resources for motorized education and directly improving safety for Utah’s winter motorized recreation community.</p>	Utah Avalanche Center	\$135,107.04	\$94,543.04	\$94,543.04	Snowmobile
31	<p>Dinoland Trails Promotion: Uintah County seeks \$37,500 in state funding to supplement its \$12,500 investment for a \$50,000 OHV marketing initiative. This campaign, running September 2025 - May 2026, will target OHV enthusiasts across the Wasatch Front and surrounding states via digital ads (social, banner, radio, YouTube) to promote our diverse trails and the Outlaw ATV Jamboree.</p>	Uintah County Travel and Tourism	\$50,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	OHV Tourism
32	<p>Richfield, Utah OHV Grant 2025-2026: Sevier County would like to use this funding to promote the wide range of</p>	Sevier County Tourism	\$50,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	OHV Tourism

	<p>Snowmobiling and OHV trails throughout the county for year-round exposure. We will create campaigns targeting snowmobile and OHV enthusiasts across the Wasatch Front, but also regional out-of-state drive markets in CA, CO, AZ, NV, WY, and ID. We'll target this audience with digital channels such as social media ads, digital radio, digital billboards, and YouTube ads.</p>					
33	<p>Cache Valley Winter Snowmobile Promotion: Cache Valley Visitors Bureau seeks \$37,500 in state funding to launch a four-month winter marketing campaign (November 2025-March 2026) showcasing its pristine landscapes, groomed trails, and fewer crowds to snowmobile enthusiasts in the Wasatch Front, Southeast Idaho, Boise, Southwest Wyoming, Grand Junction, and Denver. This campaign, supported by a \$12,500 county investment, will utilize social media, Google Performance Max, and digital radio/podcast ads to drive winter tourism.</p>	Cache Valley Visitors Bureau/Explore Logan	\$50,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	OHV Tourism
34	<p>OHV Staging Area - Land Purchase: This grant will support the purchase of 3 acres of land for the development of a new OHV staging area.</p>	Sand Rock Ridge Riders ATV Club	\$91,045.00	\$82,045.00	\$82,045.00	Land Acquisition
			Total Project Cost	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	
Total of the 30 Grants Recommended for Funding:			\$2,706,481.27	\$1,946,368.27	\$1,778,859.06	

Not Recommended for Funding

#	FY26 Q1 - Summer	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested OHVR Funding	Category
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13	<p>Canyon Country Super Loop: Our mission is to transform the Canyon Country Super Loop into a breathtaking destination that captures the hearts of outdoor enthusiasts! We're excited to take the thousands of peaceful roads and trails and turn them into a safe, user-friendly, and marketable trail system that everyone can enjoy. This initiative will include updating and expanding our trail mapping, revitalizing trail kiosks and markers, and ensuring that key locations receive essential repairs and maintenance from our dedicate</p> <p>No official letters of support were provided from the land-managing agencies overseeing the project area. Consequently, the council recommended that the applicant reapply in the next grant cycle with proper approvals from the relevant federal land-managing agencies.</p>	San Juan Public Entry and Access Rights	\$134,303.80	\$100,460.80	Trail Work
14	<p>Duck Creek Village Trail One Enhancement: This project focuses on enhancing structural integrity and safety along OHV Trail 1 near Movie Ranch Road in Duck Creek Village by constructing retaining walls, improving parking, and upgrading erosion controls. Through collaboration with local volunteers, private stakeholders, and public agencies, the initiative aims to support safe access for visitors and residents, promote tourism, and sustain the environmental character of the area.</p> <p>The council remained uncertain whether this project was intended to fund a retaining wall and parking lot for businesses or motorized users with trailers. Given the lack of clarity regarding the project's intent, the council recommended that the applicant reapply in the next grant cycle and work with program staff to develop a clear and straightforward project proposal.</p>	Duck Creek Village Legacy	\$518,751.00	\$323,000.00	Trail Work
25	<p>Washington County 4-H Youth OHV Safety Program: The Washington</p>	Utah State	\$168,272.39	\$106,455.80	Education

<p>County 4-H Youth OHV Safety Program provides hands-on training and experiential learning activities for youth ages 10–18 who ride ATVs, UTVs, and 4WD vehicles at Sand Mountain in Hurricane, Utah. Using 4-H curriculum, helmet-fit clinics, and guided trail sessions, the program teaches safe riding practices and land stewardship to reduce accidents and protect access to public trails.</p> <p>After deliberation on whether to fund the county to develop its own OHV training curriculum for youth, the council concluded that, despite the county's proposal focusing on UTVs, such a program would be duplicative of the Division's existing youth ATV training.</p>	<p>University Extension - Washington County</p>			
		<p>Total Project Cost</p>	<p>Requested Funding</p>	
<p>Total of the 3 Grants Not Recommended for Funding:</p>		<p>\$821,327.19</p>	<p>\$529,916.60</p>	

Withdrawn by Applicant

#	FY26 Q1 - Summer	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested OHVR Funding	Category
15	<p>Robbers Roost Trail System Phase 2: This phase of the buildout of Robbers Roost trail focuses on establishing trailheads and Kiosks, and our 50" trails. The Robbers Roost Trail System consists of nearly 800 miles of existing Roads and Trails in Wayne County, making connections to Green River in Emery County, Ticaboo, Bryce Canyon, and Antimony in Garfield County, Koosharem in Sevier County, and all of the Cities in Wayne County. Using the existing RS2477 route, the Robbers Roost trail will adjoin the Parker Trails and Paiute Trails.</p> <p>Prior to the grant review, the applicant withdrew their application from consideration.</p>	<p>Wayne County</p>	<p>\$538,050.00</p>	<p>\$401,050.00</p>	<p>Trail Work</p>
			<p>Total Project Cost</p>	<p>Requested Funding</p>	

Total Funding for the Grant Withdrawn:	\$538,050.00	\$401,050.00
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6:47:00 9. MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED OHVR GRANTS FOR SUMMER FY26

After reviewing and scoring 33 applications, 30 applications were recommended for funding for a total of \$1,778,859.06. Chair Blankenagel entertained a motion to approve the recommended OHV Recreation Grant for Summer FY26.

BRODY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND FUNDING 30 GRANTS FOR OHV RECREATION GRANTS FOR SUMMER FY26. SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6:49:30 10. BREAK

Given the time, Chair Blankenagel decided to forgo the break and move on to the next agenda item.

6:50:00 11. OTHER ITEMS

Having no other items to discuss, Chair Blankenagel moved on to the next agenda item.

6:50:30 12. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Blankenagel sought a motion to adjourn.

SCOTT WHELLER MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, AND BRODY JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

FINANCIAL FOCUS FY25-FY26

O H V P R O G R A M





OHV Advisory Council

1. How can the OHV program utilize the council's knowledge more effectively?

What are your additional concerns? How would you like to be more effective in the program?

Our Ideas

Provide more information on the legislative session

Additional meetings (quarterly or every two months)





OHV Advisory Council

2. Explain the difference between the dedicated and non-dedicated funds, how revenue flows into the non-dedicated fund, and what each fund is used for.





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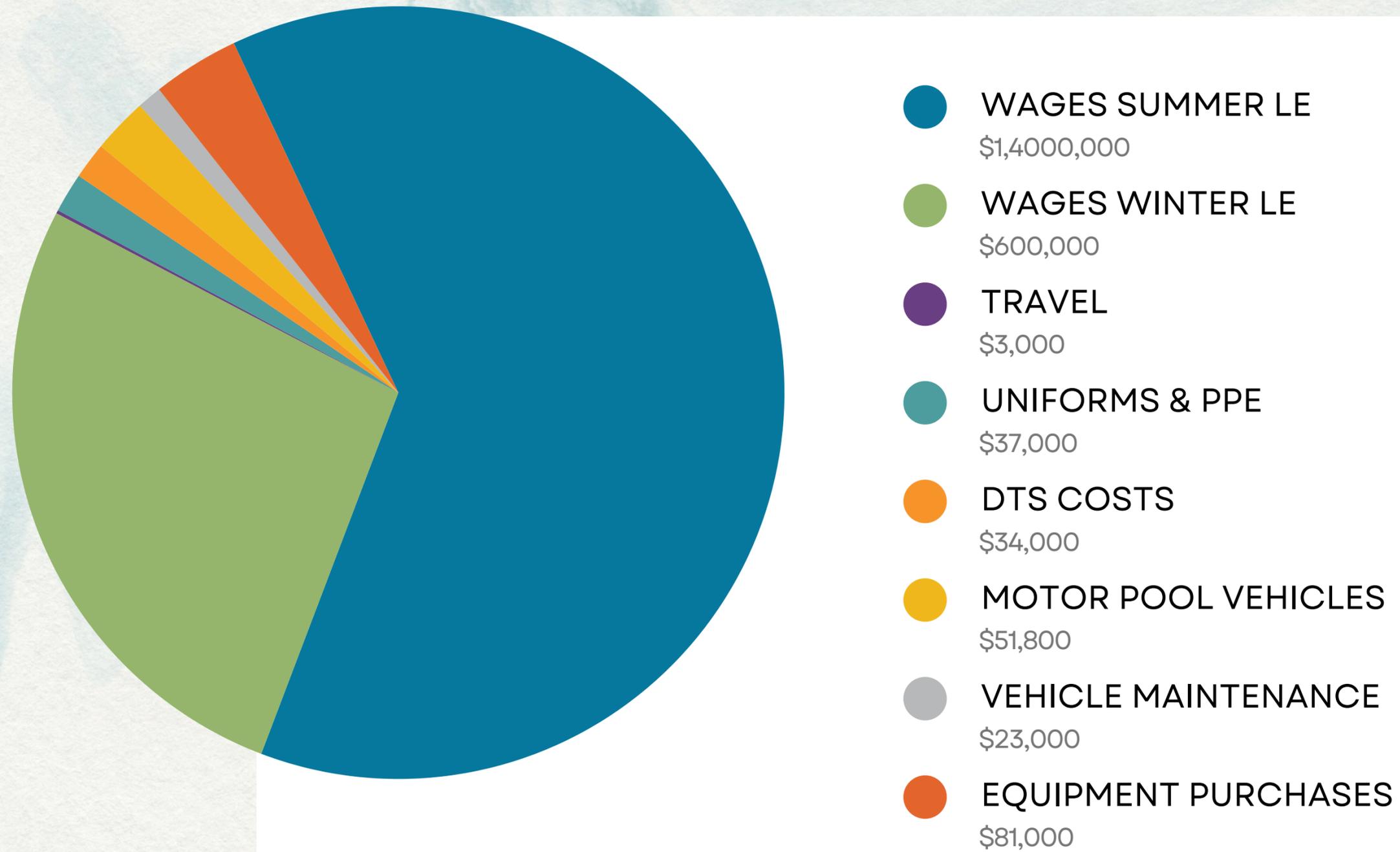


3. Complete overview of OHV account and how the money is allocated across admin, law enforcement, maintenance (shop), trail crew, and special projects.

Actual Revenue from 2023-2025

TYPE	2023	2024	2025
OHV Registration Fees	\$8,217,102.90	\$8,342,164.43	\$8,433,850.00
Snowmobile Registration Fees	\$388,368.00	\$372,904.00	\$361,461.40
OHV Safety Training	\$462,382.00	\$462,943.39	\$464,797.00
OHV Fuel Tax	\$1,990,415.50	\$2,207,966.82	\$2,371,990.68
Snowmobile License Plate	\$3,675.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Out of State Non-resident	\$943,666.95	\$869,856.35	\$937,670.56
Fines & Forfeitures	\$123,697.91	\$118,565.34	\$62,943.80
Total	\$12,129,308.26	\$12,375,900.33	\$12,632,713.44
FUND BALANCE	\$17,505,707.58	\$20,227,263.30	\$8,113,006.33

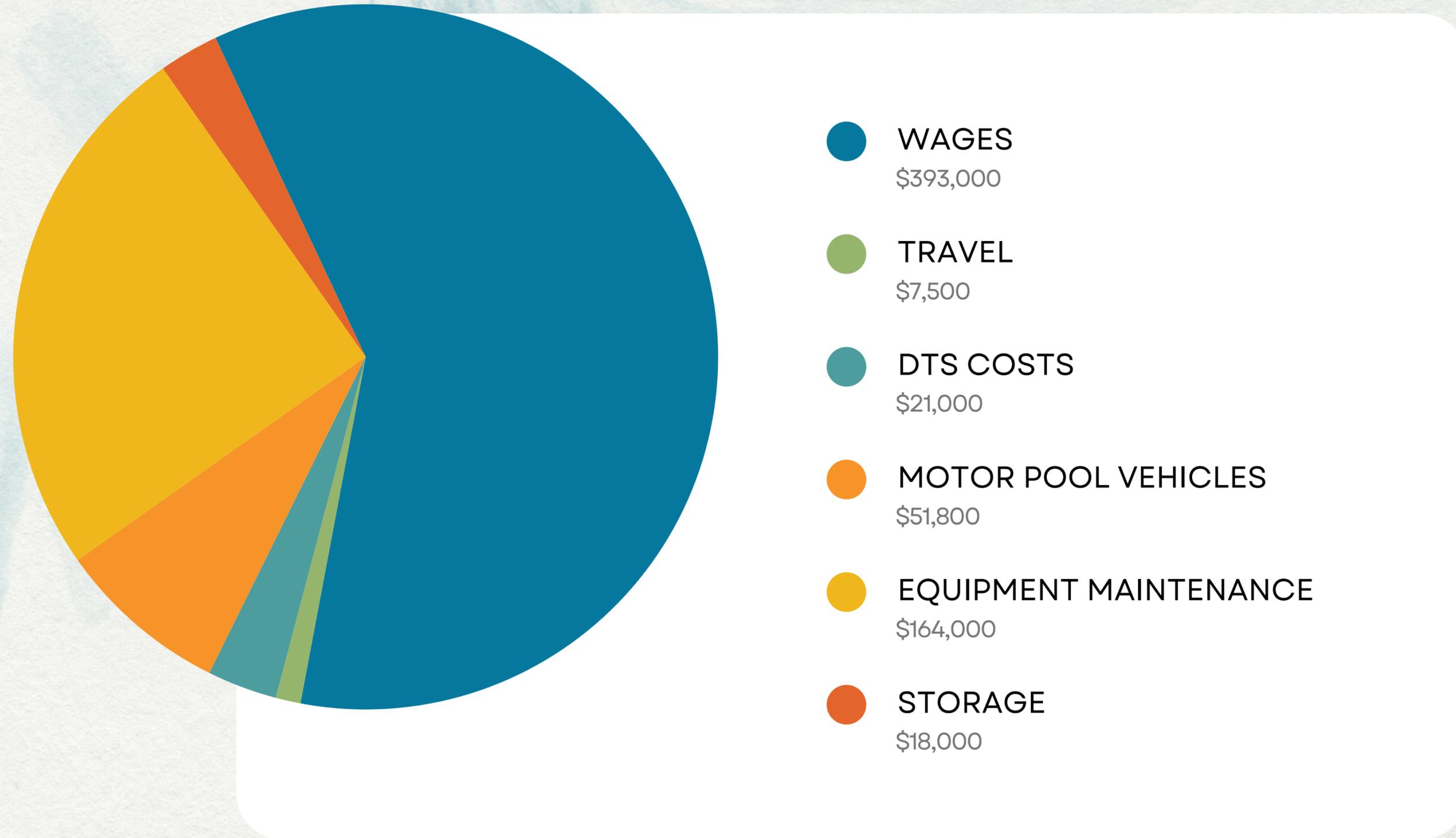
FY25 Funding Spent - Law Enforcement (LE)



- Budgeted \$3.3M but only spent \$2.21M
- 12-13 employees in FY25
- \$81,000 in equipment purchases
 - 2 KMTs
 - 6 Trailers

\$2.21 M

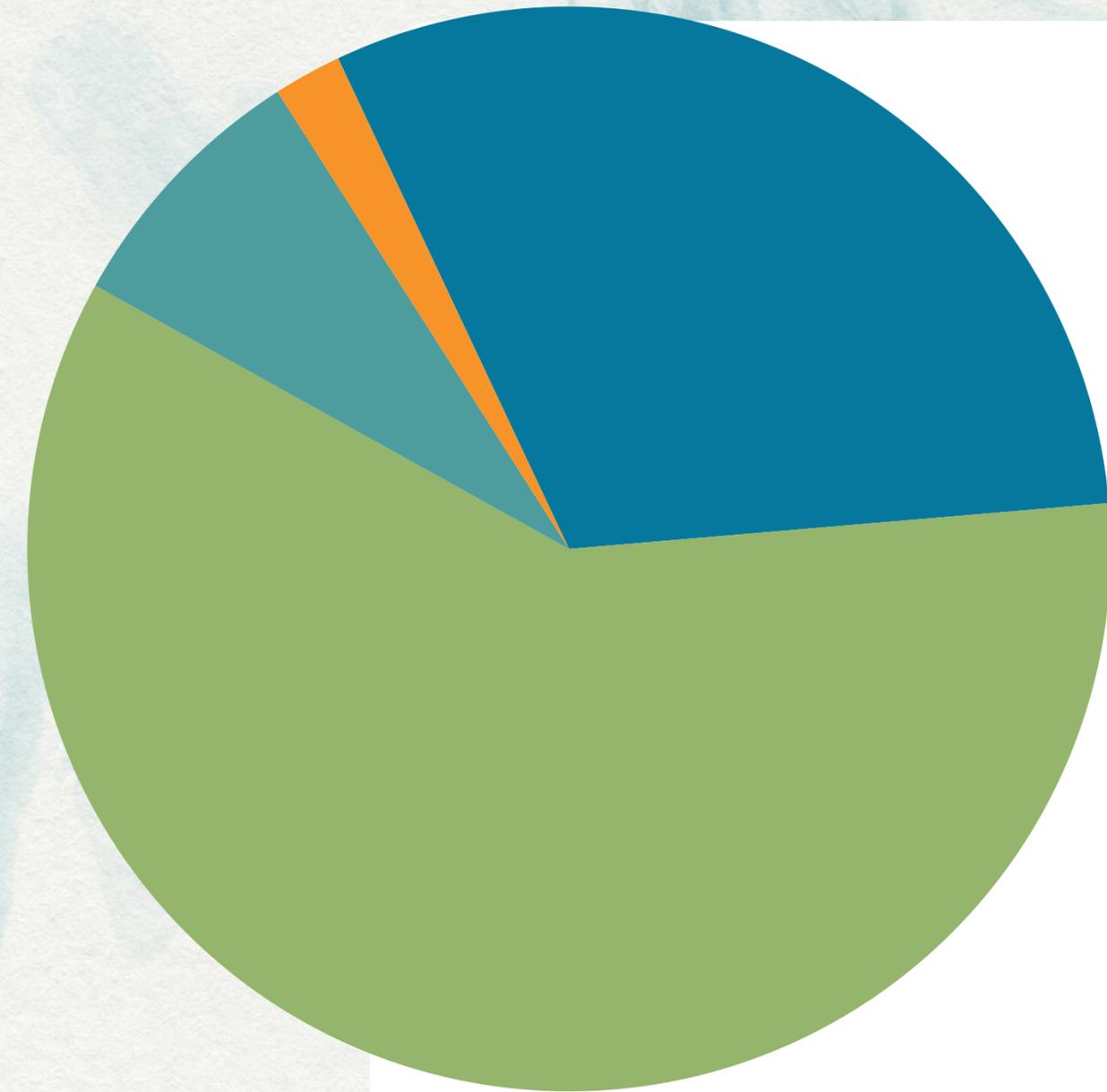
FY25 Funding Spent - Shop



- Partially funded by OHV & Boating
- 11 full-time employees, we pay the portion related to OHV work

\$661K

FY25 Funding Spent - Grooming

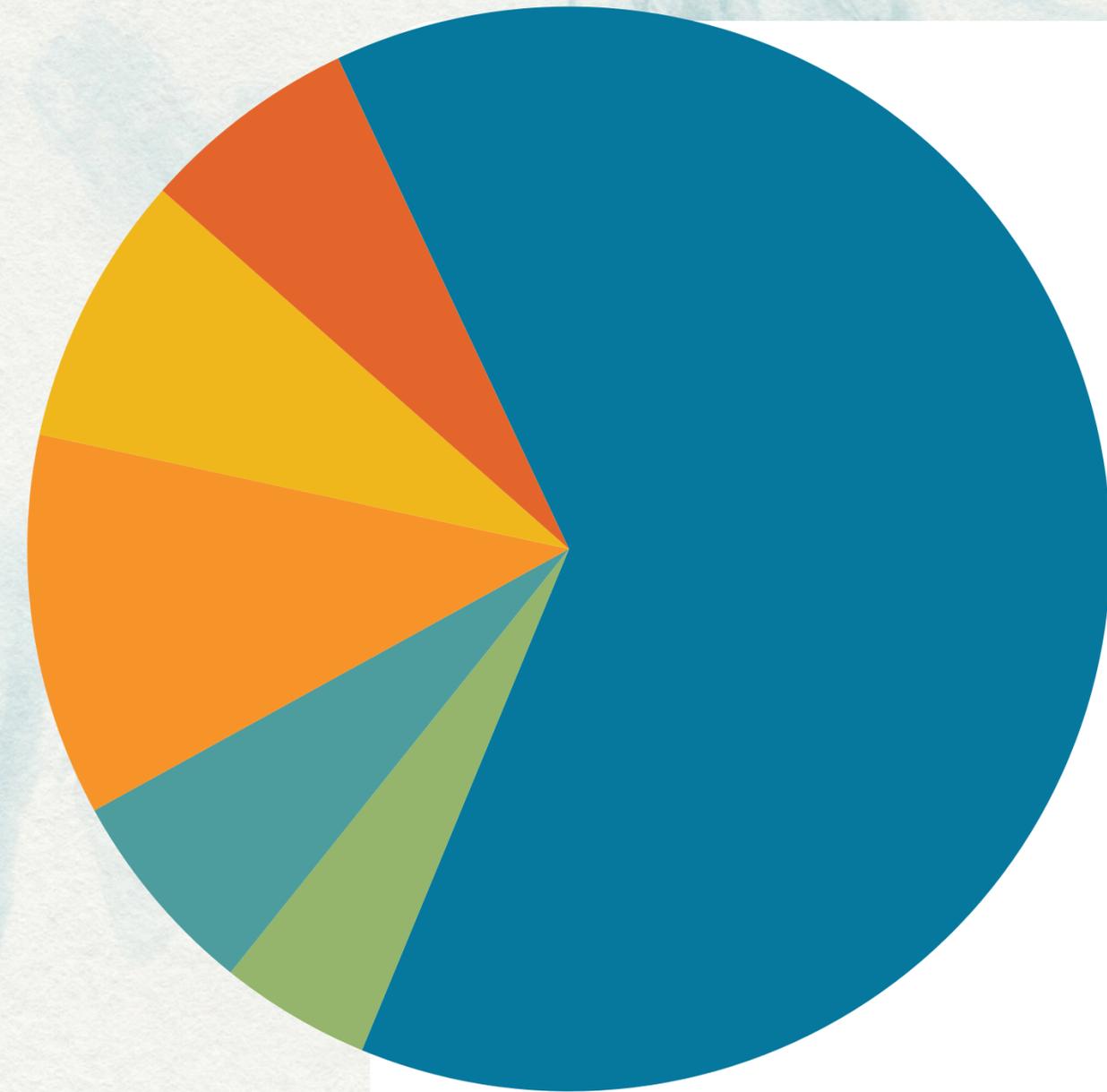


- MOU with State Parks
- Cost includes agreements for grooming with UDOT & Fishlake NF

[Link to additional agreements with the OHV Program](#)

\$786K

FY25 Funding Spent - Trail Crew

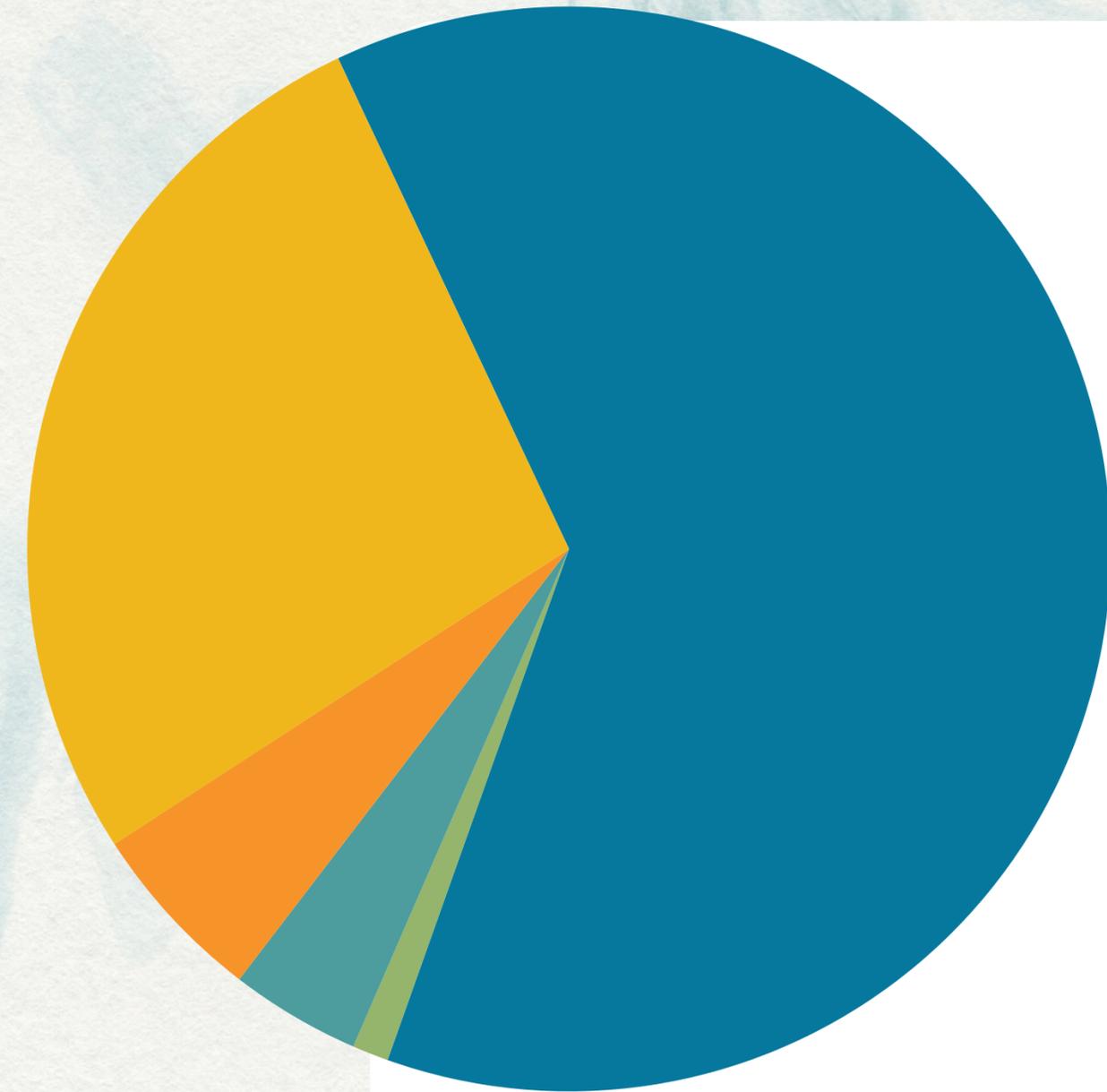


- WAGES
\$253,000 (out of \$969K)
- TRAVEL
\$18,000 (out of \$57K)
- DTS COSTS
\$25,000
- EST. CURRENT EXPENSES
\$45,600
- RENT
\$32,400
- VEHICLES
\$26,000

- 22 Part-time employees
- 7 Full-time employees

\$400K

FY25 Funding Spent - Education



● WAGES
\$69,000

● TRAVEL
\$1,200

● DTS COSTS
\$4,300

● SWAG
\$6,000

● TRAILER & ATVS (ONE-TIME)
\$30,000

- 2 full-time employees. Salary is divided between OHV & Boating
- 2 OHVs & 1 Trailer

\$111K

Fiscal Year 26

APPROPRIATION NAME	AUTHORIZED FOR FY26
Director's Office	\$334,100.00
Law Enforcement	\$3,816,500.00
OHV	\$1,945,300.00
Fiscal Management	\$572,500.00
Shop	\$909,800.00
Total	\$7,578,200.00
OHV Recreation Grant	\$3,687,400.00
Trails Program	\$30,000.00
Capital	\$195,000.00
One-Time Shop Rebuild	\$6,500,000.00
Total	\$10,412,400.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION FROM OHV RESTRICTED FUND FOR FY26	\$17,990,600.00



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FY26 Employee OHV Operational Budget

OHV Manager: \$123K

Edu Lead (OHV portion): \$45K

Edu Specialist (OHV portion): \$27K

New Edu Specialist (OHV portion): \$35K

OHV LE: \$190K

New seasonal employee for Fishlake NF Trail Counter Program

Budget request for two new heavy equipment operators and two new single-track trail crew





FY26 OHV Recreation Grant

Available for FY26 grant
cycles: **\$4.4M**

FY25 Admin Costs: \$163K

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TRAIL CREW
UTAH OUTDOOR RECREATION

FY26 Trail Crew Budget

22 Seasonal Employees

8 Full-Time Employees

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4. How much grant funding is being spent on each group?

TYPE	MOTORCYCLE	ATV/UTV	SNOWMOBILE	4X4
Grants	\$1,023,071	\$1,752,546	\$828,358	\$20,400
SAR	\$0	\$242,459	\$150,458	\$0
Grooming	\$0	\$0	\$392,258	\$0
Parking Lots	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
Total	\$1,023,071	\$1,995,005	\$1,461,074	\$20,400

5. How much money is received from each group?

Est. Revenue by Machine - 2025

TYPE	QTY	\$/MACHINE	TOTAL
Motorcycle	41,351	\$29.50	\$1,219,854.50
ATV/UTV	103,990	\$29.50	\$3,067,705.00
Street-Legal ATV/UTV	54,958	\$66.50	\$3,654,707.00
Snowmobile	23,933	\$16.50	\$394,894.50
4x4	116	\$29.50	\$3,422.00
Out of State	~37,000	\$25.00	\$925,000.00
Total	261,348		\$9,265,583.00
State Trust Lands	261,348	\$1.50	\$392,022.00



6. How much of the total Grant funding is actually hitting the ground?

How much is being used for administrative costs or other costs that could be avoided?

The **OHVR** grant does not allow for overhead costs.

The grant in question was a motorized RTP grant with SUU. Based on their request, only **13%** of the award amount went to overhead costs.

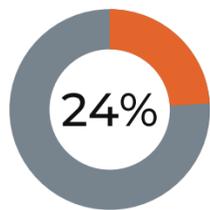




7. How much is the non-motorized community benefiting from motorized grant funds?

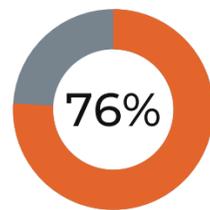
How much RTP funding was returned last year?

In 2025, Utah had \$2,046,135 in RTP funding to award. 30% Motorized. 40% Diverse-use. 30% Non-Motorized.



Motorized

Motorize awarded \$492,486. An estimated \$530,581 was left over.



Non-Motorized

Non-Motorized awarded \$1,553,649 with the leftover funding.



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8. I believe we need a year-end program evaluation and set some goals for next year, and include the whole Council in these discussions.



OHV Advisory Council

9. List of OHV Recreation grants not completed

[Link to incomplete grants](#)

[List of assets purchased with OHVR funding](#)

Awarded

Cancelled

Open

Closed

419

36

137

246





10. Grant clawbacks, if any and the process for clawing back money.

Since 2020, the Division has only had to claw back funding once.



1 out of ~150 applicants

11. Monitoring process for grants.

On-site, virtual, reporting

The Division delayed hiring a full-time compliance role; new staff will manage on-site visits, asset tracking, and grant reporting.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

OHVR GRANT REVIEW

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Not Scheduled

Location TBD

OHVR GRANT REVIEW

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Not Scheduled

Location TBD