

## **2017 OHV Grant Funding Opportunity**

Montana State Parks' OHV Grant Program Applications are classified into two categories:

- **OHV Safety, Ethics and Education** - Includes projects such as a local club or friend group providing safety & educational training in local schools, providing other safety & training materials to the recreating public (brochures, film/video production, posters, signage, educational outreach), or other similar projects.
- **Resource Maintenance, Protection and Improvement** - Includes Trail Steward positions, OHV trail improvement projects (trail reroute, bridge crossing, etc.), Construction/installation of informational kiosks and other trail signage, or other projects that do not fall into the OHV Safety, Ethics and Education category. Grant applications in this category are strongly encouraged to include noxious weed eradication efforts.

### **Application Guidelines**

- Eligible applicants include clubs, friends groups, associations, city, county, federal & state agencies, etc. State OHV grant dollars cannot be awarded to a for-profit entity.
- Applicants must select a grant category at the beginning of the application process.
- Each category will be scored using separate criteria.
- The available funding will ideally be equally divided between the two grant categories. This is dependent on the number and quality of applications in each grant category.
- There will be up to \$110,000 available for this grant cycle.
- Federal Trail Steward grant applications:
  - Are limited to one (1) position per application.
  - Maximum funding amount per individual application is **\$16,000**.
  - OHV grant funds will cover salaries only.
- Other Applications:
  1. Maximum per individual application is **\$20,000**.
- Applicants should be aware that funding adjustments are often made in order to award the most projects in an effort to achieve the greatest benefit State-wide.
- Federal agencies submitting applications are strongly encouraged to form partnerships at the local level for their respective projects. Examples might include a local OHV club providing time and labor to combine with a proposed Federal Trail Steward position, or a funding match from a local Chamber of commerce for a signage project on Federal lands.
- Friends groups, local Clubs and other entities are likewise encouraged to form partnerships with other user interest groups, Federal agencies, dealerships, etc.
- Environmental Review Documents and Support Letters are valid for up to three years if you have no variations (no changes in your project scope) from previous grant applications.