



SFWDA Grant Application

Committed to Conservation...Education...and Recreation

Date of Application: _____ Proposed Project is on Public _____ or Private _____ Lands

Name (Individual, Club or Business Partner) _____

Southern Four Wheel Drive Member Yes _____ No _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____ @ _____ . _____

Point of Contact

Key Contact Name: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____ @ _____ . _____

Position: _____

Project Location: _____

Project Type: Conservation _____ Education _____ Recreation _____

Project Description W/Photos (Use additional pages as necessary):

Schedule of Implementation: _____

Total Estimated Project Costs _____

(Provide a detailed cost analysis and proof of complete project funding availability)

Funding Requested from SFWDA Grant Program (\$5,000 Maximum per Grant Project)

Cost Share Summary (Provide a breakdown of SFWDA Grant Request/Total Project Costs/Identify any companion grants):

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Signature of land owner/area manager

Date: _____

By signature you agree that you have read all terms and conditions of this award and agree to abide by these restrictions.

SFWDA Conservation, Education and Recreation Grant Application

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SFWDA Grant Terms and Conditions

SFWDA has established this program for the benefit of its members and their OHV areas, both public and private. The SFWDA Grant initiative is our largest annual project committing a significant portion of the association net income to this program. The SFWDA Grant initiative supports the membership and regional initiatives focused on our core missions – Conservation, Education, and Recreation.

Acceptance of these terms and conditions are required for the grant to be awarded and to receive the financial aid.

Listed below are common project types for each category however, these are only examples and grants are not limited to these project types.

Conservation

- Trail Repair
- Erosion Control
- Implementation of Best Management Practices
- Storm Water Management
- Flow Control
- Resource Protection
- Illegal By-Pass Blocking
- Trail Maintenance
- Bathroom Facility Maintenance/Rental
- Trail Mapping and Layout
- Surveying and Condition Assessment
- NEPA, NPDES and other regulatory compliance activities
- Trash Removal

Education

- Trail Leader Training
- Tread Lightly Instruction
- Four Wheel Drive Training from beginning to advanced classes
- Conservation Training
- Land Use Training
- Trail Construction Training
- Forest Service Best Management Practices for Roadways/Trail Training
- Development and Design of Best Management Practices
- Sustainability Education
- Economics of OHV Enthusiasts and Financial Impacts

Recreation

- Trail Construction
- Obstacle Construction
- Trail Maintenance and Best Management Practices
- Camping Area Improvements
- Access Road Construction and Maintenance
- Event Planning and Management
- Event Preparation
- Event Operation

Requirements for Public Lands Trail Improvements/Access Grants

- Must include permission for the project from the appropriate land manager
- Must adhere to all environmental permitting requirements local, state and federal
- Must have an operations and maintenance plan for the property; and provide an implementation schedule for review
- Agree to maintain best operating practices for three years
- Agree to signage recognizing SFWDA as a contributor (signage provided by SFWDA)
- Applicant must be a SFWDA Business and/or Land Partner member
- Provide SFWDA photographic documentation during construction and of completed project
- Provide copies of planning documents, engineering drawings and other associated documentation as appropriate

Requirements for Private Lands Trail Improvements/Access Grants

- Must adhere to all local, state and federal environmental permitting requirements
- Must have an operations and maintenance plan for the property; and provide an implementation schedule available for review
- Agree to maintain best operating practices for three years
- Agree to signage recognizing SFWDA as a contributor (signage provided by SFWDA)
- Allow SFWDA access to inspect practice
- Agree that the use of the land is to serve the recreational needs of our broad 4 wheeling community and not be restricted to all SFDWA members
- Applicant must be a SFWDA Business and/or Land Partner member
- Provide SFWDA photographic documentation during construction and of completed project
- Provide evidence of sustainability through long term lease or ownership
- Provide copies of planning documents, engineering drawings and other associated documentation as appropriate

Requirements for Education/Training Grants

- Provide copies of training materials
- Provide agenda/curriculum
- Provide schedule for the training
- Provide list of attendees and contact information
- Provide photographic documentation from the class
- Must include SFWDA logo on cover pages and in PowerPoint showing sponsorship
- Include SFWDA signage at training facility (signage to be provided by SFWDA)
- Provide membership brochures and information about SFWDA
- Training must be based on the principles of Tread Lightly

SFWDA Decision Process

- Application submitted (online) by deadline which may be up to 120 days prior to work commencement planned date.
- Email notice alerts all BOD members of grant request and to initiate the review
- Scoring sheet (To Be Developed) will be used to force rank applications by each BOD member
- Scores compiled and grants awarded based on available budget and scoring results
- SFWDA BOD members involved with the grant request via club, land use or other association, real or perceived, shall recuse themselves from the deliberation and final decision process. The BOD member may participate in project explanation and justification.

Draft Scoring Sheet (without point weighting)

1. Application and associated documents are available for review and are complete with stated time frames
2. Project meets SFWDA vision, mission and goals for promoting OHV recreation, conservation and education. The final decision on the criteria met or not for each area is at the sole discretion of the SFWDA BOD.
3. Is the project sustainable? Is it proposed in an area that is sustainable?
4. Will it be helpful in promoting SFWDA's membership goals and objectives?
5. Is the requestor a Southern member?
6. Are all applicable permits in order?
7. Are there any environmental concerns?
8. Has a maintenance plan been developed?
9. Has a schedule been presented? It is acceptable?
10. Does the project benefit our outdoor recreation users?
11. Is the land owner, property owner or other agent on board with proposed project?
12. If applicable, are the balance of project funds committed and in what time frame?
13. Any hold harmless and/or indemnity agreements executed?

Additional Grant Information

The Recreational Trails Program in your particular state may be an additional source of funds. In most cases the SFWDA Grant could be used as part of the match monies to leverage additional dollars for your projects. Be sure to check it out when planning your project. Here is a table of information that may assist you. The Federal requirements set aside 30% of the total budgets for motorized recreation. Also, the maximum grant application for most states is capped at \$100,000. Given a 20 to 25% match is required that means a project could amount to about \$125,000. SFWDA grant maximum is \$5,000 which could be used to leverage \$25,000 in RTP funding at a 20% match requirement.

Unfortunately, the 2015 budgets have not been set yet as the RTP has not been reauthorized by Congress. Check with your local state for the latest.

RTP Budgets by State for 2014				
State	2014 budgets		% Required match	Links to RTP sites
	Total Avail.	Motorized		
NC	\$1.5MM	\$450,000	25	http://www.ncparks.gov/About/trails_RTP_project.php
SC	\$2.0MM	\$600,000	20	http://www.scprt.com/our-partners/grants/trails.aspx
AL	\$1.6MM	\$450,000	20	http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/ced/Recreation/Pages/Programs.aspx#RTP
GA	\$1.6MM	\$450,000	20	http://gastateparks.org/grants/rtp
KY	\$1.13MM	\$340,000	20	http://www.kentuckytourism.com/outdoor-adventure/
TN*	\$1.6MM	\$450,000	20	http://www.tn.gov/environment/recreation/recreation_grants.shtml
<i>TN max grant is \$250K</i>				

Other available Grants

Rugged Ridge Omix-ADA \$50,000 annually, \$5,000 max award.

<http://www.ruggedridge.com/index.php/webforms/index/index/id/3/>

B F Goodrich Outstanding Trails Program

http://www.bfgoodrichtires.com/bfg-nation/article-detail.page?DCRName=2012-09-25_Outstanding_Trails_2013