



Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)

Recreating in rugged areas is popular for Washingtonians. An estimated 11 percent of the population visits the forests and mountains annually to hike, bicycle, ride horses and vehicles, cross-country ski, and snowshoe.

To accommodate them, the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities program provides grants to develop and manage recreation opportunities for users of backcountry trails and non-highway roads. Grants may be used for planning, capital improvements, maintenance, operation, land acquisition, education, and law enforcement.

Accomplishments

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board has awarded more than \$76 million for 1,008 projects in 36 of the state's 39 counties since the program start in 1978. Grant recipients have contributed more than \$27 million in matching resources even though none are required. The total investment to date is more than \$103 million.

How are Projects Selected?

Applications are evaluated in an open, competitive process by an advisory committee. The committee recommends a ranked

list of projects for funding to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.



Richland is using a \$500,000 grant to develop a campground and bathroom near the motocross track in the Horn Rapids Off-road Vehicle Park.

Funding Information

Funding comes from off-road vehicle permits and a portion of the state gas tax paid by users of off-road vehicles and non-highway roads (roads not supported by state fuel taxes).

Funding is divided among categories by formulas established in statute: 70 percent is earmarked for recreation facilities and 30 percent for education and enforcement.

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Who Can Apply?

- Local governments
- Federal agencies
- Nonprofit organizations (in limited cases)
- State agencies
- Tribes

Grant Recipients (1978-2008)

Anacortes	Recreation Area	U.S. Forest Service
Benton County	▪ Mount Rainier National Park	▪ Colville National Forest
Chelan County	▪ North Cascades National Park	▪ Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Clallam County	▪ Olympic National Park	▪ Mount Baker National Forest
Clark County	North Bonneville	▪ Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Othello	▪ Okanogan National Forest
Darrington Community Club	Pend Oreille County	▪ Olympic National Forest
Eastmont	Pierce County	▪ Umatilla National Forest
Everett	Port Angeles	▪ Wenatchee National Forest
Ferry County	Republic	Walla Walla
Grant County	Richland	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Grays Harbor County	San Juan County	Washington Department of Natural Resources
Jefferson County	Snohomish County	Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
King County	Spokane County	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Kitsap County	Tacoma Metropolitan Park District	Whatcom County
Kittitas County	Thurston County	Yakima County
Leavenworth	University of Washington	
Long Beach	U.S. Bureau of Land Management	
Mason County	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
National Park Service	▪ Columbia National Wildlife Refuge	
▪ Lake Roosevelt National		



The U.S. Forest Service's Wenatchee National Forest used a \$35,000 grant to maintain the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.



The Washington Department of Natural Resources is using a \$100,672 grant to fund a fully-equipped and commissioned education and enforcement trail specialist to serve as the point of contact for the public in four recreation areas.