



## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors                      **Meeting Date:** October 3, 2019

**Staff Contact:** Ann Bollinger (abollinger@carson.org)

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding authorization for submission of a grant application to the Nevada Recreational Trails Program requesting \$150,000 for road maintenance of the dirt segment of Kings Canyon Road. (Ann Bollinger, abollinger@carson.org)

**Staff Summary:** Like many areas around Carson City, Kings Canyon Road was severely impacted by the winter storms and runoff in early 2017. The road damage has impacted vehicle access and recreational enjoyment of Carson City and U.S. Forest Service-administered lands. The U.S. Forest Service is the lands administrator of Kings Canyon Road; however, the agency does not have a budget for maintenance of high-clearance dirt roads. Carson City staff is facilitating the road maintenance and improvements by submitting a grant funding request and assisting in the planning process where possible. The grant requires a 5% match, so \$7,500 will be budgeted from the Quality of Life Open Space account.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion                      **Time Requested:** 5 Minutes

### Proposed Motion

I move to authorize submittal of the grant as discussed.

### Board's Strategic Goal

Safety

### Previous Action

November 2, 2017: The Board approved the submittal of a grant application to the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicle Program for road maintenance of the dirt segment of Kings Canyon Road.

### Background/Issues & Analysis

The dirt segment of Kings Canyon Road has deteriorated over the past few years, and the conditions were exacerbated during the winter storms and runoff in early 2017. The road damage has impacted vehicle access for recreational users and emergency personnel. New, deep road ruts are forcing drivers to blaze new routes, which causes resource damage.

According to staff with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest - Carson Ranger District, there is an administrative policy which directs the limited road maintenance funds to passenger-vehicle accessible roads. An additional challenge to completing the road maintenance in a timely manner has been the cultural/historic significance of Kings Canyon Road, which is a segment of the Old Lincoln Highway. Apparently, the Nevada Department of Transportation has submitted a nomination to list the Old Lincoln Highway on the National Register of Historic Places. Carson City staff is working with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office to

identify and preserve any resources in this segment and to ensure that road maintenance can be completed as soon as funds become available.

As proposed, the grant funds would pay for repair of the first 2.5 miles of dirt road beyond the Kings Canyon/ Waterfall Trailhead. A previous grant award from the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicle Program only paid for the engineer’s design and environmental review. The Open Space Advisory Committee approved the recommendation of the grant application and expenditure of funds at their meeting on August 19, 2019.

Information about Recreational Trails Program and Applicant Handbook can be found on their website at: <http://parks.nv.gov/about/grant-programs/recreational-trails-program>

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

Carson City Grant Policy; CCMC 13.06.150

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** Yes

**If yes, account name/number:** Quality of Life Open Space/ Management 2545047-500460. The current balance is \$138,944.

**Is it currently budgeted?** Yes

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** The grant funding request will be \$150,000. The 5% required cash match (\$7,500) will be budgeted from the account identified above.

**Alternatives**

Do not authorize submittal of the grant application.

**Attachments:**

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
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