

SAMPLE COMPLETED APPLICATION

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Tourism Impact Emergency Services (TIES) Grant Application - Sample

Section 1: Applicant Information

Agency Name: Hocking Hills Volunteer Fire & Rescue

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Section 2: Project Summary

Purpose of Grant: To purchase an off-road rescue vehicle and related equipment to improve emergency response to injured hikers in remote trail areas.

Grant Amount Requested: \$48,500

Total Project Cost: \$56,750

Project Start Date: April 15, 2025

Project End Date: July 30, 2025

Section 3: Tourism Impact

Tourism Impact on Operations:

- Our call volume increases by 62% from May to September compared to the off-season.
- In 2024, 37% of incidents involved non-residents, most from out-of-state.
- Frequent calls are from visitors injured while hiking Old Man's Cave, Conkle's Hollow, and Ash Cave trails.

Relevant Data:

- Average Monthly Calls: 45 (off-season), 73 (peak season).
- Rescue Operations for Visitors 2024: 88 incidents, including 21 requiring off-trail access.

Section 4: Statement of Need

Our department currently relies on manual stretcher carries over uneven terrain when responding to remote trail injuries. This delays patient care and requires additional manpower, often pulling resources from other emergencies. The lack of an all-terrain rescue vehicle has led to average extraction times exceeding 45 minutes.

Issue Type: Ongoing / Seasonal

Section 5: Project Description

Proposed Solution: Purchase a Polaris Ranger 6x6 UTV with a medical transport skid, winch, and emergency lighting to allow rapid access to injured individuals on hiking trails and other remote locations.

Implementers:

- Primary operator: Rescue Technician Team
- Maintenance: HHVFR Equipment Officer
- Training: Conducted by Ohio Fire Academy

Timeline & Milestones:

- April 15, 2025: Purchase order submitted to vendor.
- May 20, 2025: Delivery of vehicle and equipment.
- June 5–7, 2025: Staff training and certification.
- July 1, 2025: Vehicle placed in active service.

Section 6: Budget & Financial Info

Item	Cost	Funding Source
Polaris Ranger 6x6 UTV	\$34,000	TIES Grant
Medical transport skid unit	\$6,500	TIES Grant
Emergency lighting & communication equip.	\$3,000	TIES Grant
Winch system	\$1,500	TIES Grant
Staff training (certification course)	\$2,000	Agency Funds
Maintenance tools & supplies	\$750	Agency Funds

TOTAL: \$47,750

Matching Funds/In-Kind Support: Yes – \$8,250 in agency funds and volunteer labor for training and installation.

Township Funding for Services:

- Benton Township – \$12,000 annually (fire suppression & EMS)
- Laurel Township – \$8,000 annually (fire suppression & EMS)

Section 7: Sustainability

This vehicle will have a service life of at least 12 years with proper maintenance. Our agency has a maintenance fund supported by annual township contracts and will schedule quarterly checks. Rescue technicians will maintain certifications through the Ohio Fire Academy. The project aligns

with our long-term strategic goal to improve backcountry rescue capacity and reduce response times for visitors and residents alike.

Section 8: Additional Information (Optional)

Collaboration: Yes – Partnerships with Hocking Hills State Park Rangers and Laurel Township EMS for joint training and mutual aid use.

Prior TIES Funding: Year 2022 – Purchased portable radios to improve communication during rescues.

Attachments Provided:

- Vendor quotes for all equipment
- 2022–2024 call volume data
- Letters of support from Hocking Hills State Park and Benton Township Trustees