

State of Wisconsin



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2019 WISCONSIN ACT 183

(Vetoed in Part)

AN ACT to repeal 23.33 (1) (iq), 23.33 (2) (b) 4. and 340.01 (36r); **to renumber and amend** 23.33 (9) (bg); **to amend** 20.370 (5) (ct), 20.370 (5) (cu), 23.33 (1) (ng) 1. b., 23.33 (1) (ng) 1. h., 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. a., 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. b., 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. d., 23.33 (2) (b) 1., 23.33 (2j) (e), 23.33 (3) (em), 23.33 (4) (d) (intro.), 23.33 (6) (a), 23.33 (6) (f), 23.33 (6) (g), 23.33 (6r), 23.33 (9) (bb), 23.33 (9) (bg) (title), 340.01 (2g) and 346.02 (11); and **to create** 23.33 (1) (fe), 23.33 (1) (jd), 23.33 (1) (jqm), 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. e., 23.33 (2) (b) 1m., 23.33 (3) (ht), 23.33 (3g) (e), 23.33 (3g) (f), 23.33 (4z) (a) 3., 23.33 (6) (cd), 23.33 (6) (ch), 23.33 (6) (cp), 23.33 (6) (ct), 23.33 (9) (b) 7., 23.33 (9) (b) 8., 23.33 (9) (bc), 23.33 (9) (bg) 2., 23.33 (11m) and 23.90 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** regulation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles, all-terrain vehicle projects, and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.370 (5) (ct) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (5) (ct) *Recreation aids — all-terrain vehicle project aids; gas tax payment.* As a continuing appropriation, an amount equal to the estimated all-terrain vehicle gas tax payment to provide aid to towns, villages, cities, counties, and federal agencies for nonstate all-terrain vehicle projects and to provide aid to nonprofit organizations for the production of maps and digital information applications under s. 23.33 (9) (b) 7., communications equipment under s. 23.33 (9) (b) 8., and the placement of signs developed under s. 23.33 (4z) (a) 3.

SECTION 2. 20.370 (5) (cu) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (5) (cu) *Recreation aids — all-terrain vehicle project aids.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule from moneys received from all-terrain

vehicle fees under s. 23.33 (2) (c) to (e) to provide aid to towns, villages, cities, counties, and federal agencies for nonstate all-terrain vehicle projects and to provide aid to nonprofit organizations for the production of maps and digital information applications under s. 23.33 (9) (b) 7., communications equipment under s. 23.33 (9) (b) 8., and the placement of signs developed under s. 23.33 (4z) (a) 3.

SECTION 3. 23.33 (1) (fe) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (1) (fe) “Federal agency” means the United States, any department of the United States, or any corporation, agency, or instrumentality that is created, designated, or established by the United States.

SECTION 3m. 23.33 (1) (iq) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 23.33 (1) (jd) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (1) (jd) “Public utility” has the meaning given in s. 196.01 (5).

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”

SECTION 5. 23.33 (1) (jqm) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (1) (jqm) “State agency” means any office, department, or independent agency in the executive branch of state government.

SECTION 6. 23.33 (1) (ng) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (1) (ng) 1. b. Four or more ~~low-pressure tires or non-pneumatic tires.~~

SECTION 7. 23.33 (1) (ng) 1. h. of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (1) (ng) 1. h. A width of not more than 65 inches as measured laterally between the outermost wheel rim on each side of the vehicle, exclusive of tires, mirrors, and accessories that are not essential to the vehicle’s basic operation.

SECTION 8. 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (1) (ng) 2. a. It ~~has~~ does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards in effect on July 1, 2012; is not a golf cart, low-speed vehicle, dune buggy, mini-truck, or tracked vehicle; is designed to be used primarily off of a highway; and has, and was originally manufactured with, a weight, without fluids, of ~~more than 900 pounds but~~ not more than 2000 pounds.

SECTION 9. 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (1) (ng) 2. b. It has a width of ~~50~~ 65 inches or less as measured laterally between the outermost wheel rim on each side of the vehicle, exclusive of tires, mirrors, and accessories that are not essential to the vehicle’s basic operation.

SECTION 10. 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. d. of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (1) (ng) 2. d. It travels on 3 or more ~~low-pressure tires or non-pneumatic tires.~~

SECTION 10m. 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. e. of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (1) (ng) 2. e. It is not an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in s. 340.01 (2g).

SECTION 11e. 23.33 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (2) (b) 1. ~~Owned by the United States, or leased by a federal agency, state agency, political subdivision of the state, or another state or a political subdivision thereof, but if the exterior of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle shall display in a visible manner the name of the owner displays the name of the government entity in a visible manner, except as provided in subd. 1m.~~

SECTION 11m. 23.33 (2) (b) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (2) (b) 1m. Owned or leased by a federal agency, state agency, political subdivision of the state, or another state or a political subdivision thereof and used for enforcement purposes.

SECTION 11s. 23.33 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 11u. 23.33 (2j) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (2j) (e) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility terrain vehicle that is registered under sub. (2) (a) or an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is exempt from registration under sub. (2) (b) 1., 1m., 3., or 3m., or 4. is exempt from having a nonresident trail pass or temporary trail use receipt displayed as required under par. (b). The department may promulgate a rule to exempt all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles that are exempt from registration under sub. (2) (b) 5. from having nonresident trail passes or temporary trail use receipts displayed as required under par. (b) or may promulgate a rule to exempt owners of such vehicles from having to pay any applicable nonresident trail pass fee.

SECTION 12. 23.33 (3) (em) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (3) (em) ~~With~~ Except as provided in sub. (11m), with a passenger riding in or on any part of ~~a~~ an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is not designed or intended to be used by passengers while the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle is being operated on an all-terrain vehicle route, all-terrain vehicle trail, or roadway as authorized in this section .

SECTION 13. 23.33 (3) (ht) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (3) (ht) On all-terrain vehicles routes, all-terrain vehicles trails, public lands, or roadways unless the person complies with all stop signs, yield signs, and other regulatory signs established by rule under sub. (8) (e).

SECTION 14. 23.33 (3g) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (3g) (e) The person is being transported for medical reasons while under the care of emergency personnel.

SECTION 15. 23.33 (3g) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (3g) (f) The person is an emergency responder who is responding to an emergency that is directly related to the function of a city, town, village, county, state agency, federal agency, federally recognized American Indian tribe, or public safety corporation.

SECTION 16. 23.33 (4) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (4) (d) *Operation on roadway.* (intro.) A person may operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway if the person complies with the applicable speed limit and only in the following situations:

SECTION 17. 23.33 (4z) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (4z) (a) 3. Provide for the development of safety information signs.

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SECTION 18. 23.33 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (6) (a) A person who operates an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle ~~during hours of darkness or during daylight hours on any highway right-of-way~~ is required to display a lighted headlamp and tail lamp on the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle.

SECTION 19. 23.33 (6) (cd) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (6) (cd) Except as provided in sub. (11m), no person may operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is equipped with any of the following:

1. A lamp that emits any color of light other than white or amber and that is visible from directly in front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle.

2. A lamp that emits any color of light other than red, yellow, amber, or white and that is visible from directly behind the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle.

3. A flashing, oscillating, or rotating lamp that emits any color other than yellow or amber.

SECTION 20. 23.33 (6) (ch) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (6) (ch) Except as provided in sub. (11m), if an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle with headlamps is equipped with additional adverse weather lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, or any other lamp on the front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is capable of projecting a beam of intensity of more than 300 candlepower, the operator of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle may not light more than 4 lamps on the front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle simultaneously, not including flashing amber or yellow lights, within 500 feet of an oncoming all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or other vehicle upon a roadway, all-terrain vehicle route, all-terrain vehicle trail, or public area.

SECTION 21. 23.33 (6) (cp) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (6) (cp) Except as provided in sub. (11m), when the operator of an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle equipped with multiple-beam headlamps, adverse weather lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, high-beam lamps, or any other lamps other than those required by this subsection approaches an oncoming all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or other vehicle within 500 feet or approaches or follows an all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or other vehicle within 500 feet to the rear of that vehicle, the operator shall dim, depress, or tilt the multiple-beam headlamps, adverse weather lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, high-beam lamps, or any other lamps of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle so that the glaring rays are not directed or reflected into the eyes of the operator of the other vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or utility terrain vehicle. This paragraph does not prohibit an operator from intermittently flashing the high-beam headlamps of the

all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle at an oncoming all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or other vehicle whose high-beam headlamps are lit.

SECTION 22. 23.33 (6) (ct) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (6) (ct) 1. Any all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle may be equipped with not more than 2 backup lamps that shall be directed to project a white or amber light illuminating the area to the rear of the vehicle for a distance not to exceed 75 feet.

2. No lighted backup lamp or white lamp visible from directly behind may be displayed on any all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle upon a highway, all-terrain vehicle route, all-terrain vehicle trail, frozen water, or public area where use of all-terrain vehicles or utility terrain vehicles is allowed except when the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle is about to be or is being driven backward. Whenever a backup lamp on an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle is lighted, the tail lamp or tail lamps on the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle shall also be lighted.

SECTION 23. 23.33 (6) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (6) (f) An all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle may not be modified so that its maximum width exceeds 50 inches the width allowed for a utility terrain vehicle under sub. (1) (ng) 1. h. or 2. b. or the width allowed for an all-terrain vehicle under s. 340.01 (2g). This paragraph does not apply to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle on private property.

SECTION 24. 23.33 (6) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (6) (g) An all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle may not be operated with ~~tires anything~~ other than low-pressure tires or non-pneumatic tires. This paragraph does not apply to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle on private property or on frozen waters.

SECTION 25. 23.33 (6r) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (6r) PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS. ~~No~~ Except as provided in sub. (11m), no person may ride in or on any part of ~~a~~ an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is not designed or intended to be used by passengers while the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle is being operated on an all-terrain vehicle route, all-terrain vehicle trail, frozen water, or highway as authorized by this section. This subsection does not apply to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle on private property.

SECTION 26. 23.33 (9) (b) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (9) (b) 7. Production of trail maps and a state-wide digital information application for providing safety, regulatory, and riding opportunity information.

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SECTION 27. 23.33 (9) (b) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (9) (b) 8. Acquisition and maintenance of communications equipment for providing support to organizations that meet the eligibility requirements under sub. (5m) (b).

SECTION 28. 23.33 (9) (bb) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (9) (bb) *Signs.* In addition to the projects listed in par. (b), the department may provide aid from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (ct) or (cu) to a town, village, city ~~or~~ county, or nonprofit organization for up to 100 percent of the cost of placing signs developed under sub. (4z) (a) 2. and 3.

SECTION 29. 23.33 (9) (bc) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (9) (bc) *All-terrain vehicle trail maintenance funding.* The department may provide state aid for trail maintenance costs equal to the approved eligible project costs, which may not exceed the following:

1. For winter maintenance of all-terrain vehicle trails that are shared with snowmobiles and that are eligible for winter maintenance, \$100 per mile.

2. For winter maintenance of all-terrain vehicle trails that are not shared with snowmobiles and that are eligible for winter maintenance, \$200 per mile.

3. For summer maintenance of all-terrain vehicle trails, \$600 per mile.

SECTION 30. 23.33 (9) (bg) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.33 (9) (bg) (title) *Projects Funding for utility terrain vehicles.*

SECTION 31. 23.33 (9) (bg) of the statutes is renumbered 23.33 (9) (bg) 1. and amended to read:

23.33 (9) (bg) 1. A project to improve or maintain all-terrain vehicle trails for use by utility terrain vehicles is eligible for summer funding as a state utility terrain vehicle project from the appropriation account under s. 20.370 (1) (mr) or for aid as a nonstate utility vehicle project from the appropriation accounts under s. 20.370 (5) (eu) and (gr). The maximum amount allowed for aid under this ~~paragraph~~ subdivision is \$100 ~~\$200~~ per mile for all-terrain vehicle trails that are maintained not less than 3 months per year including the months of June, July, and August.

3. If the requests for aid for projects under this paragraph exceed the funds available, the department shall distribute available funds to qualified applicants on a proportional basis.

SECTION 32. 23.33 (9) (bg) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (9) (bg) 2. A project to improve or maintain all-terrain vehicle trails for use by utility terrain vehicles is eligible for winter funding as a state utility terrain vehicle project from the appropriation account under s. 20.370 (1) (mr) or for aid as a nonstate utility vehicle

project from the appropriation accounts under s. 20.370 (5) (eu) and (gr). The maximum amount allowed for aid under this subdivision is \$100 per mile for all-terrain vehicle trails that are maintained not less than 2 months nor more than 6 months per year including the months of January and February.

SECTION 33. 23.33 (11m) of the statutes is created to read:

23.33 (11m) EXCEPTIONS. Subsections (3) (em), (6) (cd), (ch), (cp), and (i), and (6r) do not apply to the operator of an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle owned or leased by a city, village, town, county, state agency, federal agency, federally recognized American Indian tribe, public safety corporation, or public utility while the operator is engaged in an emergency.

SECTION 33m. 23.90 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

23.90 (7) In an action under s. 23.33 (2h) (a) 1. for intentionally making a false statement on an application for a registration, the defendant may be tried in the defendant's county of residence at the time that the complaint is filed, in the county where the defendant purchased the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle if purchased from a dealer, or in the county where the department of natural resources received the application.

SECTION 34. 340.01 (2g) of the statutes is amended to read:

340.01 (2g) "All-terrain vehicle" means a commercially designed and manufactured motor-driven device that has a weight, without fluids, of 900 pounds or less, has a width of not more than 50 inches or less as measured laterally between the outermost wheel rim on each side of the vehicle, exclusive of tires, mirrors, and accessories that are not essential to the vehicle's basic operation, is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, and travels on 3 or more ~~low-pressure tires or non-pneumatic~~ tires.

SECTION 34m. 340.01 (36r) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 35. 346.02 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.02 (11) APPLICABILITY TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES. The operator of an all-terrain vehicle or a utility terrain vehicle on a roadway is subject to ss. 346.04, 346.06, ~~346.075 (1)~~, 346.11, 346.14 (1m), 346.18, 346.19, 346.20, 346.21, 346.215 (3), 346.26, 346.27, 346.33, 346.35, 346.37, 346.39, 346.40, 346.44, 346.46, 346.47, 346.48, 346.50 (1) (b), 346.51, 346.52, 346.53, 346.54, 346.55, ~~346.67~~, 346.71, 346.87, 346.88, 346.89, 346.90, 346.91, 346.92 (1) and 346.94 (1) and (9) but is not subject to any other provision of this chapter.

SECTION 37. NR 64.14 (6) (b) 5. of the administrative code is amended to read:

NR 64.14 (6) (b) 5. Trails shall not be routed through ~~or by areas of anticipated conflict that may include, but~~

are not limited to, wilderness areas, game preserves, winter browse areas, experimental stations, nurseries, or plantations and residences.

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Production of A Statewide Digital Information Application for Providing Safety, Regulatory and Riding Opportunity Information

Guidelines for Applicant: Provide any additional documents not requested as part of the general application to substantiate your points.

Guidelines for the Council: These are guidelines and will be reviewed by the Council yearly after each funding meeting. Any changes to the points changed by the Council, will be justified in writing to the County shortly after the funding meeting.

Category		Possible Points	Actual Points
1	Mapping Platform		
	Browser based	10	
	Mobile devices	8	
	Paper	6	
2	Map Features		
	Statewide coverage	10	
	Off-road trails	6	
	Road routes	6	
	Club information	6	
	Safety information	5	
	Regulatory information	5	
	Tourism information	5	
	Analytical information	4	
	Machine registration	4	
3	Other Funding Sources		
	51% or greater	8	
	26-50%	5	
	25% or less	2	
	Sub Total		
	DEDUCTIONS		
1	Incomplete Application Deduction (Identified by CSS)	-10	
	Grand Total		

Justifications for Ranking

Legislative change to 23.33: Production of trail maps and a statewide digital information application for providing safety, regulatory, and riding opportunity information.

Category: Mapping Platform

Rating: Browser based

Points: 10

Justification: Any project that allows for web based navigation and browsing from any operating system should receive a 10 on the scoring guide. Browser based applications allow for the greatest ease of access from users, as only an Internet browser is required to view the content.

Rating: Mobile devices

Points: 8

Justification: Any project that allows for mobile devices to load and connect to the software platform should receive an 8 on the scoring guide. Mobile devices allow for end users to use the software application in remote locations as well as to use the application for navigational purposes.

Rating: Paper

Points: 6

Justification: Any project that utilizes a paper map should receive a 6 on the scoring guide. Paper maps play an important role for users that do not have access to a mobile device or browser based systems.

Category: Map Features

Rating: Statewide coverage

Points: 10

Justification: Any project that provides statewide mapping and information system coverage should receive a 10 on the scoring guide. Statewide coverage provides the most functionality of the application and impacts the most potential users.

Rating: Statewide off-road trails

Points: 6

Justification: Any project that provides statewide maps of off-road trails should receive a 6 on the scoring guide. Statewide off-road trail information is an important resource for the end user.

Rating: Statewide road routes

Points: 6

Justification: Any project that provides statewide maps of ATV / UTV road routes should receive a 6 on the scoring guide. ATV / UTV road routes have expanded greatly throughout Wisconsin and are important for navigation purposes.

Rating: Statewide club information

Points: 6

Justification: Any project that provides statewide club information including club name, contact information, membership information and services provided should receive a 6 on the scoring guide. Statewide club information will help end users find local clubs to join and learn about clubs that provide trail services throughout Wisconsin.

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Rating: Safety information

Points: 5

Justification: Any project that provides safe and ethical riding practices and techniques to the end user should receive a 5 on the scoring guide. Providing safe and ethical riding practices to the end user could help reduce injuries, deaths and environmental damage.

Rating: Regulatory information

Points: 5

Justification: Any project that provides regulatory information to the end user should receive a 5 on the scoring guide. Providing regulatory information could help reduce common violations that endanger trail users, risk closing of a trail system or have a negative image for the ATV / UTV sport.

Rating: Tourism information

Points: 5

Justification: Any project that provides tourism information to the end user should receive a 5 on the scoring guide. Providing tourism information brings an enhanced experience for the end user as well as assists promoting local destinations along the ATV / UTV trail systems.

Rating: Analytical information

Points: 4

Justification: Any project that provides analytical information to the end user, clubs, land managers and law enforcement should receive a 4 on the scoring guide. Providing analytical information to clubs, land managers and law enforcement will help better direct resources regarding trail maintenance, projects and law enforcement patrols.

Rating: Machine registration

Points: 4

Justification: Any project that provides machine registration services to the end user should receive a 4 on the scoring guide. Providing registration services allows end users to ensure their machine is properly registered and if not properly registered, allows the end user to register his or her machine prior to riding on the ATV / UTV trail systems.

Category: Other Funding Sources

Rating: 51% or greater

Points: 8

Justification: Any project that includes a funding source or funding sources that when combined equal 51% or more of the total grant request should receive an 8 on the scoring guide. Additional funding sources shows commitment towards completing the project. Greater than 51% shows a high level of commitment towards the project.

Rating: 26% to 50%

Points: 5

Justification: Any project that includes a funding source or funding sources that when combined equal 26% to 50% of the total grant request should receive a 5 on the scoring guide. Additional funding sources shows commitment towards completing the project.

Rating: 25% or less

Points: 2

Justification: Any project that includes a funding source or funding sources that when combined equal 25% or less of the total grant request should receive a 2 on the scoring guide.

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Radio Communication Grant Guidance

In 2020, the Wisconsin ATV / UTV Association passed Act 183, which added the allowance for funding communication projects from the ATV segregated account. The intent of this change was to enhance the communication efforts of the trail ambassador program as well as establish unified communication systems with clubs and county resources across the state. This also allows communication with emergency management agencies within Wisconsin through interoperability systems that currently exist.

Funding for communication equipment, the following categories should be considered for funding:

- Radio repeater equipment and tower sites that can be linked to other repeaters for broad area coverage and connected remotely via the internet. Coverage should be at minimum sufficient for an entire county.
- Radio equipment that is compatible with the Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications (WISCOM) radio network and repeater stations.
- Radio equipment that is compatible with a county wide repeater system which is linked to the internet.
- Satellite radios that can be used statewide.

The following equipment should be considered for funding under the communication grant:

- Handheld radios that have the capability to interface with a repeater system and at minimum be capable of transmitting at 5 watts of power. Handheld radios that can interface with existing interoperability systems within Wisconsin will receive a higher priority in regards to funding.
- Mobile radios that can be installed in heavy equipment and vehicles with a minimum transmission power of 50 watts. These radios must be capable of communicating with repeaters. Mobile radios that can communicate with interoperability systems within Wisconsin will receive a higher priority in regards to funding.
- Handheld & mobile radios must operate at minimum within the 138-450 MHz band spread.
- Satellite based radio systems that allow for a wide area of coverage.
- FCC licensing fees for any radio or club / group broadcast license, but excluding the cost of an individual operating license.

Guidance for Radios

Selecting the correct radio should include the following considerations:

- Radios that include a minimum of one year of warranty.

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- Radios that can be programmed and operated by county or club members without extensive training or additional cost.
- Radios should be issued by a club officer or club coordinator.
- Radios should be maintained according to the manufacturers recommendations.
- Radio systems that can be serviced locally or regionally for cost effectiveness and reduced down time.

Questions for Application

The following questions should be asked for a communication grant application:

- What is the purpose of this communication grant application?
- How will this project aid the ATV / UTV program with communication?
- Does your project have a plan to integrate with other state repeater networks? If so, how?
- Does your project allow for local club use on the radio system?
- If applicable, what type of equipment will be required for your users to interface with your project?

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Radio Communications Ranking Tool

Guidelines for Applicant: Provide any additional documents not requested as part of the general application to substantiate your points.

Guidelines for the Council: These are guidelines and will be reviewed by the Council yearly after each funding meeting. Any changes to the points changed by the Council, will be justified in writing to the County shortly after the funding meeting.

Category		Possible Points	Actual Points
1	Reason for Communications		
	Communicates with Trail Ambassador program	8	
	Communicates with WISCOM / WEM systems	8	
	Communicates with county law enforcement / emergency services	6	
	Communicates with club groomers	4	
2	Area of Coverage		
	Global via Internet connection	10	
	Statewide	9	
	County wide	7	
	Local	2	
3	Type of Equipment		
	Repeater	8	
	Mobile (vehicle)	5	
	Handheld	3	
4	Other Funding Sources		
	51% or greater	8	
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	DEDUCTIONS		
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Justifications for Ranking

Legislative change to 23.33: Acquisition and maintenance of communications equipment for providing support to organizations that meet the eligibility requirements

Category: Reason for Communications

This category places value on the overall goal of the application.

Rating: Communicates with Trail Ambassador program

Points: 8

Justification: Any project that connects to the Trail Ambassador program should receive an 8 on the scoring guide. This type of application will enhance the safety and awareness of situations on the ATV / UTV trail systems. Instant communication of issues can be easily relayed to county law enforcement or land management agencies that otherwise might not be alerted to a situation.

Rating: Communicates with WISCOM / WEM systems

Points: 8

Justification: Any project that provide interoperability for Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) & the Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications (WISCOM) agencies should receive an 8 on the scoring guide. Interoperability with WEM agencies provides communication assets for search and rescue, firefighting and security during WEM activations. By providing these assets, we are providing a public service to not only the ATV / UTV users within the state, but possibly to the surrounding population of the impacted project area.

Rating: Communicates with county law enforcement / emergency services

Points: 6

Justification: Any project that provides a direct integration with county law enforcement or emergency services via the county communications center or a form of a dispatch center should receive a 6 on the scoring guide. This type of integration will provide additional communication tools to aid law enforcement and emergency services should there be an incident on the ATV / UTV trail system for that county.

Rating: Communicates with club groomers

Points: 4

Justification: Any project that can provide direct two way communication between a club and its groomer resources should receive a 4 on the scoring guide. This type of communication tool enhances the level of safety for groomer operators as they can keep in touch with club leaders and other groomers.

Category: Area of Coverage

This category places value on the overall physical distance the application plans on covering. The further the distance, the higher the rating.

Rating: Global via Internet connection

Points: 10

Justification: Any project that can provide an interface between a two way radio system and the Internet should receive a 10 on the scoring guide. By bridging a radio system with an Internet connection and / or interface, the potential reach of the communication is greatly enhanced. This also makes communication possible between various systems.

Rating: Statewide

Points: 9

Justification: Any project that can provide statewide coverage of a two way radio communication system should receive a 9 on the scoring guide. This type of coverage greatly increases the effectiveness of a communication system. Projects that can interface with WISCOM or another statewide system would qualify for this rating.

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Rating: County wide

Points: 7

Justification: Any project that can cover an entire county with a two way voice communication system should receive a 7 on the scoring guide. A county wide, two way radio communication system enhances communication between law enforcement, land managers and volunteers within that county. This allows for quick communication and relaying of important trail related messages.

Rating: Local

Points: 2

Justification: Any project that can only cover a short distance intended for club use should receive a 2 on the scoring guide. Local two way communication can provide a limited, short range communication link between club members, law enforcement officers or land managers.

Category: Type of Equipment

Rating: Repeater

Points: 8

Justification: Any project that includes a radio repeater should receive an 8 on the scoring guide. Repeaters can link many smaller radios together to form a wide area coverage of a two way radio communication system. Generally, repeaters are expensive and require annual maintenance, however provide a wide area of coverage. Repeaters can also be interconnected via a direct line of sight connection or Internet connection to a repeater network.

Rating: Mobile (vehicle)

Points: 5

Justification: Any project that includes mobile radios should receive a 5 on the scoring guide. Mobile radios can be installed in vehicles / groomers and can offer a wider area of coverage due to additional power outputs available.

Rating: Handheld

Points: 3

Justification: Any project that includes handheld radios should receive a 3 on the scoring guide. Handheld radios can provide short range two way communication between two or more club members, land managers or law enforcement officers. Some handheld radios may communicate with repeaters.

Category: Other Funding Sources

Rating: 51% or greater

Points: 8

Justification: Any project that includes a funding source or funding sources that when combined equal 51% or more of the total grant request should receive an 8 on the scoring guide. Additional funding sources shows commitment towards completing the project. Greater than 51% shows a high level of commitment towards the project.

Rating: 26% to 50%

Points: 5

Justification: Any project that includes a funding source or funding sources that when combined equal 26% to 50% of the total grant request should receive a 5 on the scoring guide. Additional funding sources shows commitment towards completing the project.

Rating 25% or less

Points: 2

Justification: Any project that includes a funding source or funding sources that when combined equal 25% or less of the total grant request should receive a 5 on the scoring guide.

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Production of A Statewide Digital Information Application for Providing Safety, Regulatory and Riding Opportunity Information

Guidelines for Applicant: Provide any additional documents not requested as part of the general application to substantiate your points.

Guidelines for the Council: These are guidelines and will be reviewed by the Council yearly after each funding meeting. Any changes to the points changed by the Council, will be justified in writing to the County shortly after the funding meeting.

Category		Possible Points	Actual Points
1	Sign Purpose		
	Regulatory information	5	
	Safety information	5	
3	Other Funding Sources		
	51% or greater	8	
	26-50%	5	
	25% or less	2	
	Sub Total		
	DEDUCTIONS		
1	Incomplete Application Deduction (Identified by CSS)	-10	
	Grand Total		

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Justifications for Ranking

Legislative change to 23.33: Signs. In addition to the projects listed in par. (b), the department may provide aid from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (ct) or (cu) to a town, village, city or, county, or nonprofit organization for up to 100 percent of the cost of placing signs developed under sub. (4z) (a) 2. and 3.

Category: Sign Purpose

Rating: Regulatory information

Points: 5

Justification: Any project that displays current regulatory information on a sign should receive a 5 on the scoring guide. Signs promoting regulatory information should increase the awareness of laws and regulations relating to the ATV / UTV program.

Rating: Safety information

Points: 5

Justification: Any project that displays information on safe and ethical riding practices for ATV / UTV operation should receive a 5 on the scoring guide. Signs promoting safe and ethical riding practices help increase awareness of common violations and riding practices leading to injuries or environmental damage.

Category: Other Funding Sources

Rating: 51% or greater

Points: 8

Justification: Any project that includes a funding source or funding sources that when combined equal 51% or more of the total grant request should receive an 8 on the scoring guide. Additional funding sources shows commitment towards completing the project. Greater than 51% shows a high level of commitment towards the project.

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Rating 25% or less

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