1611 - Red Rock Canyon Trail Maintenance

Application Details

Funding Opportunity:	1001- Motorized & Diverse Projects - Recreational Trails Program 2022 Grants				
Funding Opportunity Due Date:	Nov 2, 2021 12:00 AM				
Program Area:	Recreational Trails Program				
Status:	Under Review				
Stage:	Final Application				
Initial Submit Date:	Nov 1, 2021 3:38 PM				
Initially Submitted By:	Scott Scherbinski				
Last Submit Date:					
Last Submitted By:					
Contact Information					
Primary Contact Information					
Active User*:	Yes				
Туре:	External User				
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Comments:

Organization Information

Status*:	Approved		
Name*:	Great Basin Institute		
Organization Type*:	Non-Profit Organization		
Tax Id:	88-0431016		
Organization Website:	https://www.thegreatbasininstitute.org/		
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RTP Pre-Application - MOTORIZED & DIVERSE

Project Description

Classification*:

Organization Classification:

Grant Manager/ Primary Point-of-Contact (if grant is awarded)*: Organization Please choose one. Non-Profit Please choose one.

Scott Scherbinski First Name Last Name

Title*:	Conservation Corps Program Diretcor
Email Address*:	sscherbinski@thegreatbasininstitute.org
Telephone*:	541-760-8347
Address*:	Great Basin Institute Address Line 1
	16750 Mt Rose Highway Address Line 2
	Reno Nevada 89451- City State Zip Code
Land Owner*:	BLM
Classification of Land Control*:	Public Land Select all that apply.
Project Costs Please do not submit match not directly related to the project.	
Grant Request*:	\$99,731.51
Match Amount*:	\$25,115.20 (20% of total amount for diverse& education projects; 5% for moto)
Total Project Amount:	\$124,846.71
Match Sources*:	In-Kind
Please Describe Source(s)*:	
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Project Category(s)*:	Non-motorized for diverse use Select all that apply.
Trail Use*:	Equestrian,Pedestrian (hiking/trail) Select all that apply.
If Other, Please List:	
Project Type*:	Maintenance or restoration of existing trails Select all that apply.

If Other, Please List:

Scope of Work

Describe exactly what work will be completed, include miles of trail or other measurable goals. Please be specific to the actual project being built.

Scope of Work*:

Great Basin Institute (GBI), in partnership with BLM Red Rock Canyon NCA, and with assistance from the Friends of Red Rock Canyon, proposes to complete maintenance projects on non-motorized trails through Red Rock Canyon Scenic Loop and Calico Basin. Visitation has steadily increased at Red Rock Canyon, with over 3 million visitors in 2020. With extremely heavy use, trail maintenance is required to address user safety and habitat degradation. This system of trails consists of a total of 43 miles of popular hiking trails. During trails maintenance conducted during this project, GBI and BLM will work together to prioritize individual trails based on current conditions. The goal of this project will be to complete maintenance on 20 miles of trail.

Maintenance projects will focus on improving user access and safety, as well as improving trail sustainability. Example projects include brushing and clearing the trail corridor, improving trail tread, improving drainage, addressing areas impacted by erosion, and restoration of user-created trails.

Project Location

Congressional District(s)*:	District 3,District 4 Select all that apply.
County*:	Clark
Municipality/Town/City*:	Las Vegas
Environmental Compliance	
See page 10 of the RTP Handbook for more information.	
Does not apply to Planning or Education projects with no ground distu	urbing activities.
Is a Federal agency involved in this project as an applicant, partner, or	r landowner?
Federal Agency*:	Yes
If yes, environmental clearances have likely been completed for your p Please indicate which NEPA document was produced. Please attach the document to this application.	project area.
NEPA Document Produced:	Categorical Exclusion (CE)
NEPA Document: Historic Resource Compliance Please provide the following information:	
Describe the extent of ground disturbance for this project. Specifically,	, describe the length, width, and depth of the most significant instances of excavation/digging.
Ground Disturbance:	
Describe both current and past uses of the project area. Project Area Use:	

Describe any known cultural resources in the project area.

This may include historic buildings, archaeology sites, and any other objects estimated to be over 50 years old.

Cultural Resources:

Maps

Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name	Туре	Size	Upload Date
General location map (showing project area within the state and/or county) Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale) Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)						

Photos

Description	File Name	Туре	Size	Upload Date
	No files attached.			
Shape Files				
Description	File Name	Туре	Size	Upload Date
	No files attached.			
Authorization				
Authorized Individual*:	Scott Scherbinski 08/20/20	21		
	First Name Last Name Date			
Title*:	Conservation Corps Program Dire	ector		
Agency/Organization*:	Great Basin Institute			

RTP Application - MOTORIZED & DIVERSE PROJECTS/PLANNING PROJECTS

Project Description	
Standards/Guidelines Applied to Project*:	BLM Handbook 9114-1 Trails
If Other, Please List:	
List all permits required to complete project.	
Permits:	
There are no permits required to complete project sc	ope of work.
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Does the project include a paved bicycle path?	
Bicycle Path*:	No
Plan Title:	
Has the applicant received funding from the Recreational	Trails Program in the past?
Past Funding*:	Yes
Number of Projects Funded:	48
Amount of Funding Received:	\$4,078,233.00
Number of Projects Completed:	38
Project Narrative	

Project Need

Describe how this project fits with current community development plans.

Current Plans*:

This project supports the community of Las Vegas priority of well-planned quality growth over the long term for the residents. Las Vegas' Comprehensive Plan, combined with other related land use studies and regional planning efforts, provides the framework to successfully implement strategies for growth-related issues which includes access to recreational areas suitable for varied demographics. This project reflects the outcome of strategies that unite local, state, and federal jurisdictions on challenges that transcend governmental jurisdictional boundaries such as natural environment, recreation, and sustainability. By supporting quality trail systems at the urban interface, this project fosters development of the city and those unincorporated lands that adjoin the project area.

Describe the project?s ability to enhance recreation options for an underserved area or population. ?Underserved? is defined as an area or population with inadequate services, facilities, and/or a lack of access to recreation opportunities.

Underserved Area or Population*:

This project will enhance recreation options for community members living in Clark County, as well as visitors from Nevada and outside the region by maintaining important recreational resources, including access to world-renowned rock climbing. Investing in this project will benefit Nevada communities by helping enhance recreation resources that can improve user experience and assist with the sustainability of increased visitation. With enhanced recreation resources, local communities can promote outdoor recreation opportunities for economic growth and social improvements.

Project Quality

Describe project schedule(s) and contingency plans.

Schedule and Plans*:

The implementation of this project is scheduled to begin in September 2022 and will conclude by May 2023. Great Basin Institute (GBI) will coordinate the deployment of Nevada Conservation Corps (NCC) trail maintenance crews with staff and recreation managers.

Our project start date remains flexible and may be initiated earlier depending on the release of funds and weather conditions. GBI and BLM will maintain routine communication and adaptively manage the project on an as-needed basis.

Describe the confirmed partnerships for this project.

Partnerships*:

This project is a partnership between BLM's Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Great Basin Institute, and the Nevada Conservation Corps with the support of the Friends of Red Rock Canyon. For volunteer trail opportunities, GBI will also engage user groups such as Southern Nevada Climbers Coalition and Trashy Trail Runners.

Describe the nature and extent of public engagement with this project and what is being done to mitigate any concerns conveyed by the public.

Public Engagement*:

In January 2013, GBI, Southern Nevada Conservancy, and BLM published the Red Rock Canyon NCA Capacity Assessment. The document included a robust public engagement effort that was conducted and included visitor satisfaction surveys. This process indicated support for access to trail systems and trail improvements.

Describe the implementation of best practices in each phase of the project (e.g., planning, budgeting, construction, etc.).

Project Phases*:

In the summer of 2021, Great Basin Institute's Nevada Conservation Corps (NCC) program began working with staff from BLM and Friends of Red Rock Canyon to plan trail maintenance tasks. From initial discussions, the team relied on strong communication to clearly define the project needs and goals. During the planning process. Together the team finalized a scope of work that was compliant with

environmental and cultural clearances and outlined a path for continuous enhancement to this important recreational resource. Budgets were drafted to be consistent with industry costs. Specifications for improved trail features follow standards set by BLM.

With over twenty years of trail construction and maintenance project implementation and management experience, GBI's NCC Program has developed a project management philosophy that focuses on preimplementation planning, implementation, and post-implementation communication. Experience has taught our program the right questions to ask prior to project implementation and common mistakes we should be anticipating during implementation. Best practices utilized by the program include pre-implementation project site visits and planning conference calls, completion of Project Detail forms used to inform project logistics, implementation, and post-implementation project site visits to assess project quality and production, daily project data collection during implementation, and post-implementation project reporting.

How does the project promote sustainability goals and principles (e.g., social, environmental, economic) in the design criteria?

Sustainability*:

This project will promote environmental sustainability goals by protecting sensitive habitat, species, and natural resources through the maintenance of designated recreational trails. Recreational trails provide the public access to the great outdoors but focus visitor use to areas that have been surveyed and authorized for trail construction. Well-maintained trails discourage the public from creating renegade trails and the potential to negatively impact surrounding habitat and resources. Trail maintenance projects also promote environmental sustainability goals by protecting water quality through addressing sections of recreational trails impacted by erosion.

There is an abundance of evidence that outdoor recreation has an impact on community economic sustainability, health, and growth. Improved recreation increases real property values and attracts tourists looking to enjoy the great outdoors. In addition, outdoor recreation provides local community members with the opportunity to improve physical health and well-being. This project will directly promote social and economic sustainability goals of our state and local communities through maintaining recreational trails.

Alignment with Nevada?s Recreation Goals

How will the project contribute to the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of existing outdoor infrastructure?

Existing Outdoor Infrastructure*:

Red Rock Canyon experiences extremely heavy recreational use, and due to deferred maintenance poses a significant safety hazard to visitors. Maintaining trails will increase safety, sustainability, and access to Red Rock Canyon.

How will safety be implemented in the design, maintenance, and management of the project?

Safety*:

Ensuring the identified recreational trails in our scope of work are as safe as possible for the public to enjoy is the number one priority of our project. Red Rock NCA is experiencing increased public use of recreational trails. Completing maintenance projects are essential to managing recreational trail systems and reducing safety hazards and risks to users. NCC trail crews will prioritize identifying and completing safety projects before moving on to address preventive maintenance projects.

GBI and BLM field programs emphasize a culture of safety by embedding safety into all field activities. Daily tailgate safety meetings and stretch circles are completed prior to initiating project work. Meetings focus on identifying hazards and risks associated with the project assignments and reviewing any near misses or safety incidents from the prior day.

How does the project increase connectivity between trails, facilities, or other locations?

Connectivity*:

The Red Rock Canyon trail systems were created to provide the public access to many of the scenic and natural resources of the Conservation Area. Improving the designated system of trails will improve the user's ability to navigate to these scenic and natural resources.

How does the project engage youth?

Youth Engagement*:

By utilizing GBI's Nevada Conservation Corps service program, this project will provide 10 youth with an opportunity to serve the communities of Clark County. While working with staff from the BLM, youth have the opportunity to learn important public land and recreation management concepts. GBI's AmeriCorps Volunteer programs provide youth with an opportunity to support Nevada's communities and public lands through valuable and meaningful service projects while gaining the skills and experience needed to launch their career in the field of natural resources management. Most importantly, youth have the opportunity to explore and be connected to Nevada's great outdoors, a connection that will foster a lifelong dedication to protecting public lands and natural resources.

How will the project contribute (or otherwise complement) the development, maintenance, and/or management of new outdoor recreation facilities?

New Outdoor Recreation Facilities*:

This project focuses on maintaining existing recreation facilities. In the future, as new recreational trails are developed, they will be included in the overall maintenance plan covered by this project to ensure they are maintained for user safety and sustainability.

How does the project contribute to the economic vitality of its community?

Economic Vitality*:

Our project focuses on improving public safety and providing safe opportunities for recreation. In doing so, our efforts will continue to enhance recreational opportunities on public lands and provide the foundation for attracting visitors to the surrounding communities. The additional visitation to the region will have a direct impact on economic growth through tourism dollars.

How will the project contribute to the conservation and/or rehabilitation of water and habitat?

Water and Habitat*:

Maintaining recreational trails contributes to conserving water quality by addressing erosion and reducing the amount of sediment released into nearby streams and waterways. Maintaining recreational trails will also help keep users on the trail, preventing the formation of renegade trails and the potential to impact nearby sensitive habitats.

Applicant History

Summarize your organization?s grant management record. If your organization is new to grants, please summarize the organization?s project management record.

Grant Management Record*:

Great Basin Institute has managed and closed 38 RTP grants and is actively managing ten current RTP grants. In addition to RTP, GBI has authored and been awarded grant funding from, but not limited to, the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, US Forest Foundation, National Park Foundation, and Mt. Charleston License Plate Grant. Our team has a long history of successfully authoring, implementing, and administering grant funds to support projects focused on meeting the needs of Nevada's communities and public lands.

Kevin Dose, GBI Deputy Director, and RTP Grant Manager, has over nine years of experience authoring, implementing, and administering grant funds for Great Basin Institute. Mr. Dose authored his first RTP grant in 2004 in partnership with the Tahoe Rim Trail Association and the USFS Carson Ranger District and since has managed implementation and administration for 34 of GBI's 48 RTP grants. In his role as Deputy Director for GBI, Mr. Dose is integral to the management of all grant-funded projects for the institute.

Describe your organization?s capacity to maintain facilities for the next 25 years.

Maintain Program*:

As detailed in their Transmittal Letter, the BLM's Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area is committed to maintaining their system of recreational trails for the next 25 years.

Authorization

Authorized Individual*:	Kevin Dose 11/01/2021 First Name Last Name Date
Agency/Organization*:	Great Basin Institute
Title*:	Deputy Director

Supporting Documentation

Supporting Documentation

Named Attachment	Require	d Description	File Name	Туре	Size	Upload Date
General location map (showing project area within the state or county)		GBI Red Rock Trail Project Overview Map	Red Rock Cyn Trails_Overview.pdf	pdf	1 MB	11/01/2021 01:51 PM
Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale)		GBI Red Rock Trail Project Topo Map	Red Rock Cyn Trails_Detail.pdf	pdf	1 MB	11/01/2021 01:52 PM
Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)						
At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances		GBI Red Rock Trail Maintenance Photo Log	Photo Log_GBI Red Rock Canyon Trail Maintenance Project_RTP 2022.pdf	pdf	1 MB	11/01/2021 02:53 PM
Photos of known cultural resources, if present						
Letter or statement certifying that the appropriate official has reviewed this project and approved of the property						
Documentation certifying that the appropriate official has reviewed this project and meets their approval						
USACE 404 and/or other applicable permits						
Erosion and sedimentation control plan for stream crossings or general construction activities						
Copy of any building permits that may be required by the local township or statement permit not needed						
Sewage disposal permit						
Transmittal letter						
Letter of Support		Letter of Support from Friend of Red Rock Canyon	Letter of Support_Friends of Red Rock Canyon.pdf	pdf	313 KB	11/01/2021 09:09 AM
Additional Documentation						

Description	File Name	Туре	Size	Upload Date
BLMTransmittal Letter	BLMRed Rock Trasmital Lettre_GBI Trail Project_2022.pdf	pdf	287 KB	11/01/2021 03:38 PM

Budget

Percentages

Grant Request

Federal Grant Percentage:	79.88%
Match	
Federal Match Percentage:	0.0%
Non-Federal Match Percentage:	20.12%
TOTAL MATCH PERCENTAGE:	20.12%

Design and Engineering Costs

Description # of Units Unit Type Unit Cost Total Unit Cost Federal Grant Federal Grant Percentage Federal Match Federal Match Percentage Non-Federal Match Non-Federal Match Percentage Match Source

No Data for Table

Planning Costs for Match

Description # of Units Unit Type Unit Cost Total Unit Cost Federal Grant Federal Grant Percentage Federal Match Percentage Non-Federal Match Non-Federal Match Percentage Match Source

No Data for Table

Direct Labor (Salaries or Actual)

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Nevada Conservation Corps Trail Crew Leader (12 Tours @ 80hrs/Tour)	960.00	Hours	\$17.08 \$	\$16,396.80	\$16,396.80	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
Nevada Conservation Corps Project Manger (12 Tours @ 10hrs/Tour)	120.00	Hours	\$20.89	\$2,506.80	\$2,506.80	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
Nevada Conservation Corps Trail Crew Members (4 Members @ 12 Tours @ 80hrs/Tour)	3840.00	Hours	\$13.06 \$	\$50,150.40	\$50,150.40	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
			5	\$69,054.00	\$69,054.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		

Labor (Volunteer or Donated)

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Trail Maintenance Volunteer	880.00	hours	\$28.54	\$25,115.20	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$25,115.20	100.00	Volunteer Labor
			\$28.54	\$25,115.20	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$25,115.20		

Equipment Purchase/Rent/Lease

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Nevada Conservation Corps Crew Truck	12.00	Work Tours	\$347.86	\$4,174.32	\$4,174.32	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
Porta Potty	12.00	Weeks	\$320.00	\$3,840.00	\$3,840.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
			\$667.86	\$8,014.32	\$8,014.32		\$0.00		\$0.00		

Contracts

Description # of Units Unit Type Unit Cost Total Unit Cost Federal Grant Federal Grant Percentage Federal Match Federal Match Percentage Non-Federal Match Non-Federal Match Percentage Match Source

No Data for Table

Materials

Description # of Units Unit Type Unit Cost Total Unit Cost Federal Grant Federal Grant Percentage Federal Match Percentage Non-Federal Match Non-Federal Match Percentage Match Source

No Data for Table

Fuel, Vehicle Maintenance & Travel

	# of Unit	Unit	Total Unit	Federal	Federal Grant	Federal	Federal Match	Non-Federal	Non-Federal Match	Match
Description	Units Type	Cost	Cost	Grant	Percentage	Match	Percentage	Match	Percentage	Source
Nevada Conservation Corps Truck Fuel and Maintenance	4800.00 Miles	\$0.56	\$2,688.00	\$2,688.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
		\$0.56	\$2,688.00	\$2,688.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		

Other Expenses

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Per Diem - Nevada Conservation Corps Crews (5 Members @ 8 Days/Tour @ 12 Tours)	480.00	Days	\$7.25	\$3,480.00	\$3,480.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
Per Diem - Nevada Conservation Corps Project Manager (12 Tours @ 1 Day/Tour)	12.00	Days	\$15.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
GBI ICAP	80728.32	2 Direct Cost	\$0.20	\$16,315.19	\$16,315.19	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
			\$22.45	\$19,975.19	\$19,975.19		\$0.00		\$0.00		
Totals											
Total Federal Grant Amount:	\$99,73	31.51									
Total Federal Match Amount:	\$0.00										
Total Non-Federal Amount:	\$25,11	5.20									
Total Amount:	\$124,8	46.71									

Red Rock Canyon Trail Maintenace Project - Details



Conservation Corps

Red Rock Canyon Trail Maintenace Project



Red Rock Canyon Trail Maintenance Project – Photo Log: Trail Maintenance Needs





United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District Office Red Rock/Sloan Field Office 4701 North Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 https://www.blm.gov/nevada

In Reply Refer To: 8376 (NVS200)

December 1, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

The upcoming project proposal to be submitted by the Great Basin Institute in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management; Red Rock Canyon/ Sloan Field Office will only include restoration, repair, and maintenance of existing trails. Completing the proposed scope of work will allow for the continuation of outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities to the public and the economic benefits to the local communities that these provide. We (the Bureau of Land Management) are committed to using these funds for maintaining our trail systems and ensuring continued public access.

The project is located on public lands managed by the bureau of Land Management and is in conformance with the appropriate land management permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state and/or federal laws. This proposal is covered by the Red Rock Canyon Resource Management Plan and site-specific management plans.

- I have read the application and agree to the responsibilities assigned for this project;
- This project will not facilitate motorized activities on trails that have been predominantly used by non-motorized trail users and on which, as of May 1, 1991, motorized use is either prohibited or has not occurred (Section 1302 (e)(2)(c) of the National Recreational Trails Act);
- This project is in compliance with all applicable laws and in particular the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA);
- Trails for motorized activity are situated upon land allocated for use other than wilderness or have been released to uses other than wilderness by an Act of Congress, and that such construction is otherwise consistent with an approved land and resources management plan;
- I can confirm a commitment to maintain the project's features (e.g., trails, buildings) for 25 years.

Sincerely,

Joshua Travels Assistant Field Manager Bureau of Land Management Red Rock/Sloan Field Office, Southern Nevada District 4701N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130 (702) 515-5370



October 30, 2021

Ms. Heather Giger Recreational Trails Program 901 S. Stewart Street Suite 5005 Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Support for Great Basin Institute's 2021 RTP Proposal

Dear Ms. Giger,

Friends of Red Rock Canyon (Friends) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 1984, whose sole mission is the protection and enhancement of Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA) and the public lands of Southern Nevada. Friends has actively assisted in and promoted the responsible usage and enrichment of RRCNCA since our founding.

On behalf of the board, staff and 500 members of Friends, I take great pleasure in supporting the Great Basin Institute's RTP application to perform trail maintenance at Red Rock Canyon NCA. The Great Basin Institute has a stellar reputation of being a leader in trail maintenance best practices and we would be grateful to have their time and talent at Red Rock. This project, if funded, will benefit the estimated 3,000,000 annual users of RRCNCA with improved trails that uphold safety and sustainability.

Thank you, in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this letter of support.

Sincerely,

EJM

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