

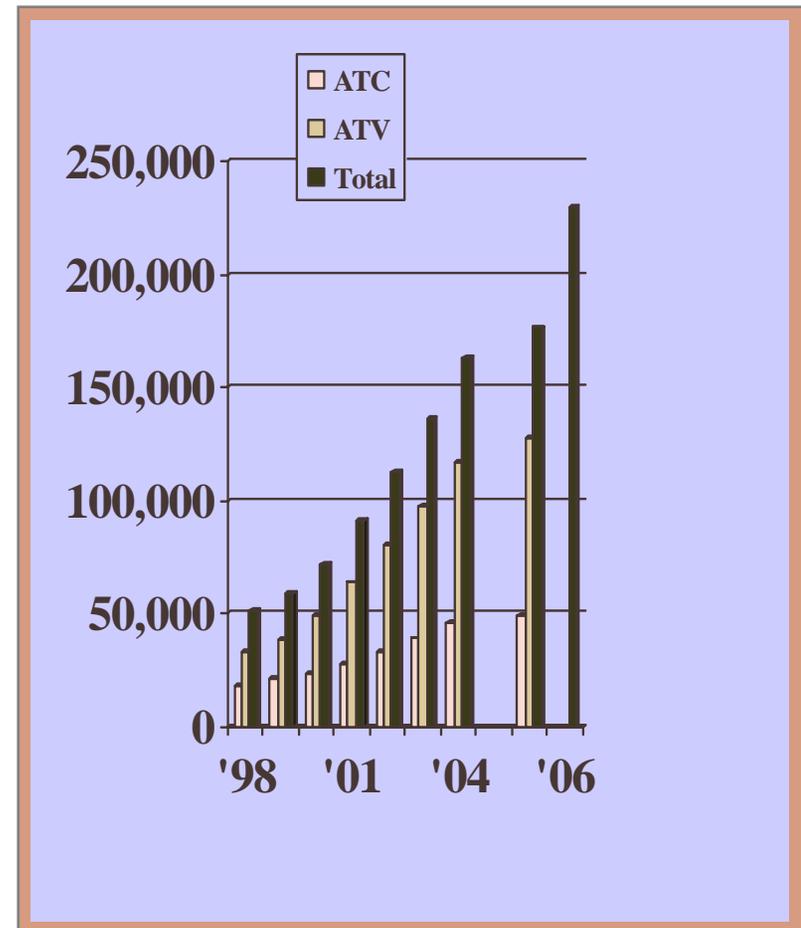
Off-Highway Vehicle Legislative Recommendation



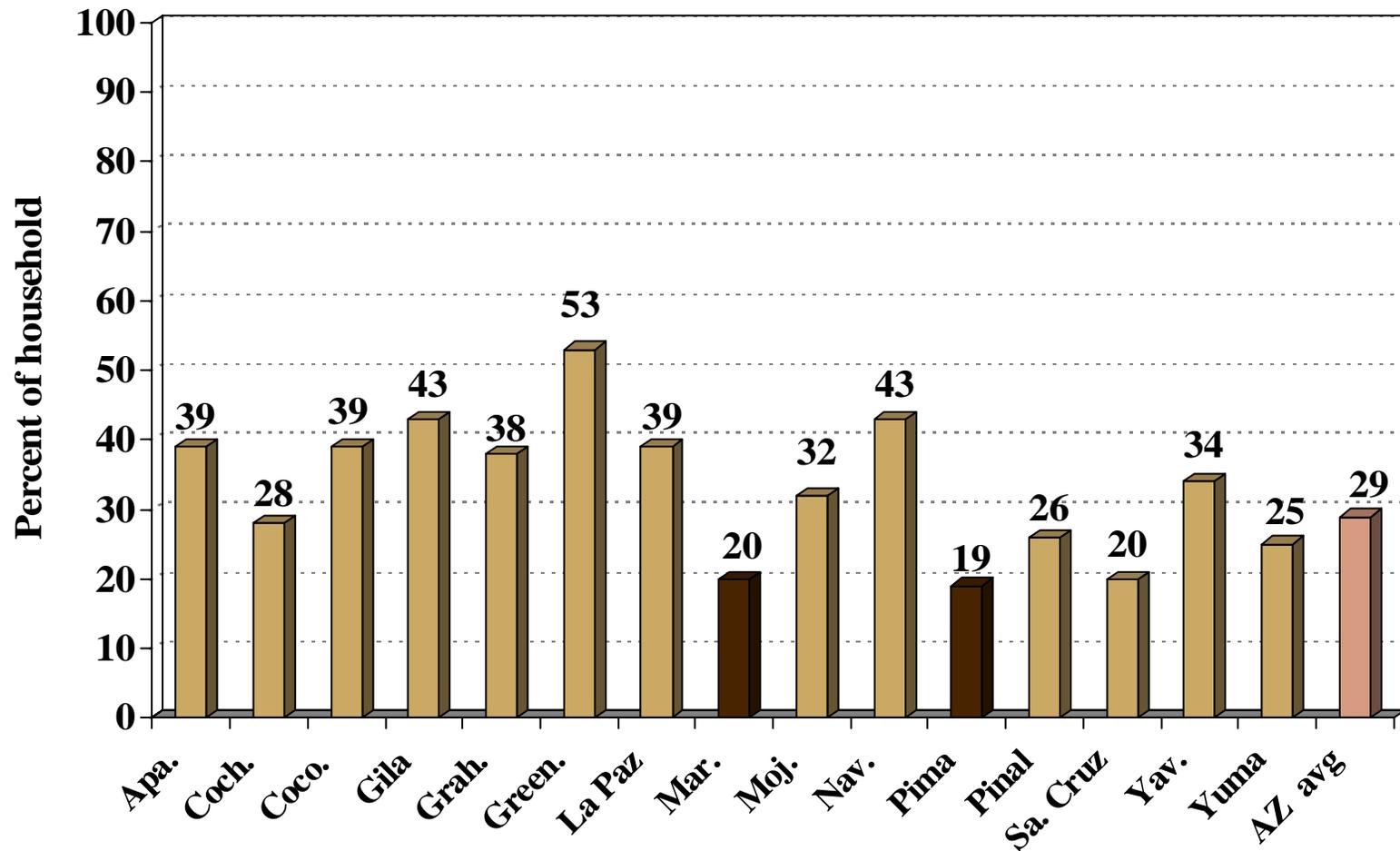
Commission Presentation

Purpose and Need

- ✦ December 1998, 51,453 ATVs & ATCs were either registered or titled in Arizona
- ✦ July 2006, more than 230,000 ATVs & ATCs were either titled or registered (street legal) in Arizona (Source: MVD)
- ✦ ATCs & ATVs have increased **347** percent since 1998
- ✦ Total Estimated Number (ATCs, ATVs & UTVs) is 385,000



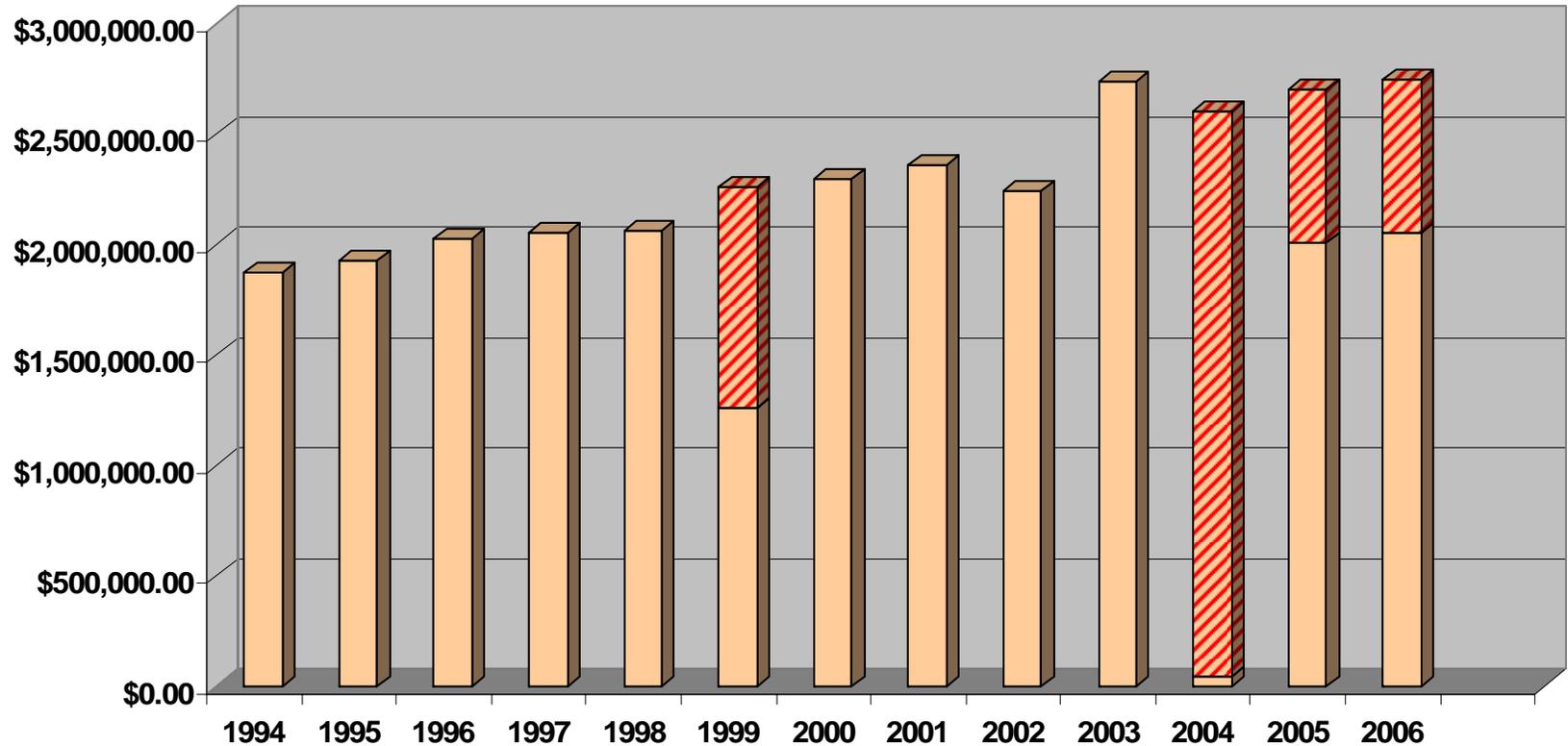
Percentage of OHV recreational households in 2002 by AZ county



Total: 1.9 million households

Arizona's OHV Recreation Fund Revenue

Average percent increase from 1994-2006 was 3.6 percent per year



Note: A total of \$7 million has been swept from the OHV Recreation Fund since 1999. \$4 million was swept in 2003 including monies obligated from previous years

Amount Swept
Amount Appropriated

✦ *The OHV recreation fund has increased approximately 31 percent since 1998.*

1998- \$2,060,000

2005- \$2,744,880

✦ *ATCs & ATVs have increased 347 percent since 1998*.*

1998 – 51,453

2006 – 230,000

✦ *Arizona's population has increased 20 percent since 1998.*

1998- 4.9 million

2005- 5.9 million



* Number of ATVs& ATCs registered or titled in Arizona

OHV Legislative Workgroup Collaborative Members

- ✦ Arizona OHV Coalition
- ✦ Arizona Rock Crawlers,
- ✦ Arizona Trailer Rider Association
- ✦ Apache County ATV Rough Riders
- ✦ Drew and the Crew Motor Sports
- ✦ Prescott Open Trails Association
- ✦ Arizona Wildlife Federation
- ✦ Arizona Deer Association
- ✦ Arizona Elk Society
- ✦ Arizona Game and Fish Dept.
- ✦ Arizona State Land Dept.
- ✦ Arizona State Parks
- ✦ Arizona Dept. Of Motor Vehicles
- ✦ Yuma County Sheriff's Office
- ✦ Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
- ✦ Coconino County Sheriff's Office
- ✦ Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
- ✦ Mohave County Sheriff's Office
- ✦ Navajo County Sheriff's Office
- ✦ Pima County Sheriff's Dept
- ✦ Pinal County Sheriff's Office
- ✦ Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Ofc.
- ✦ U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- ✦ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- ✦ U.S. Forest Service

Key Issues Addressed by the Off-Highway Vehicle Workgroup

- ✦ **Create grants and agreements that promote statewide maintenance of OHV riding and management opportunities.**
- ✦ **Creation of high-use riding opportunities where appropriate.**
- ✦ **Increase information, education and outreach efforts to the public.**
- ✦ **Allow funding for environmental assessments and cultural resource clearances of OHV projects as well as OHV damage mitigation.**

Key Issues Addressed by the Off-Highway Vehicle Workgroup

- ✦ **Clarify laws and regulations which enhance enforceability and promote responsible OHV use and rider safety**
- ✦ **Strengthen regulatory statutes to enhance protection of fish, wildlife, cultural, personal property and natural resources.**
- ✦ **Provide additional resources for law enforcement efforts for counties and state.**

Off-Highway Vehicle Workgroup Legislation Public Meetings (10)

Date	City/Town	Location
Oct. 24	Tucson	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 555 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson, AZ 85745
Oct. 25	Benson	Cochise College - Benson Center 1025 S. Highway 90 Benson, AZ 85602
Oct. 30	Prescott	Prescott Valley Council Chambers 7501 E. Civic Circle, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
Nov. 2	Pinetop	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 2878 E. White Mountain Boulevard, Pinetop, AZ 85935
Nov. 3	Mesa	City Of Mesa Utilities Department 640 North Mesa Drive, Mesa, AZ (extra parking at 703 N. Mesa Dr)
Nov. 6	Yuma	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 9140 E. 28th Street, Yuma, AZ 85365
Nov. 7	Kingman	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road, Kingman, AZ 86409
Nov. 8	Flagstaff	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 3500 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Nov. 15	Glendale	Glendale Foothills Branch Library 19055 N. 57th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308
Nov. 16	Safford	Eastern Arizona College, Bonita Room 1014 N. College Avenue, Thatcher, AZ 85552

Call for Public Comments

✦ Approximately 1,742 Respondents

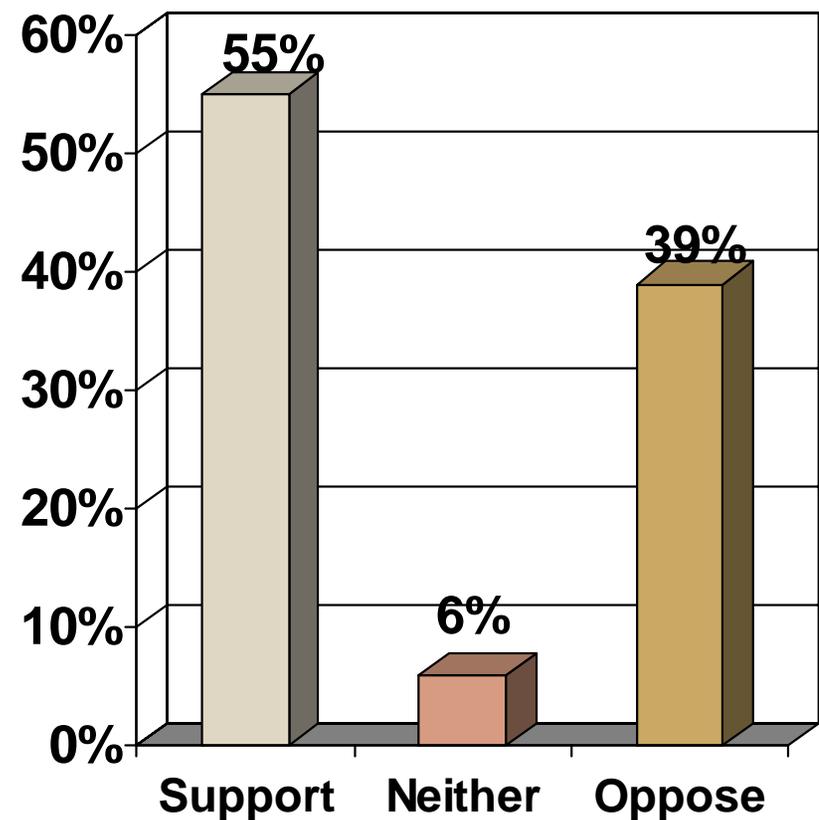
✦ Mediums for Response

- E-mail
- Online Survey
- Public Meeting
- Written
 - Letter
 - Comment Card at Public Meetings

Public Survey Comments

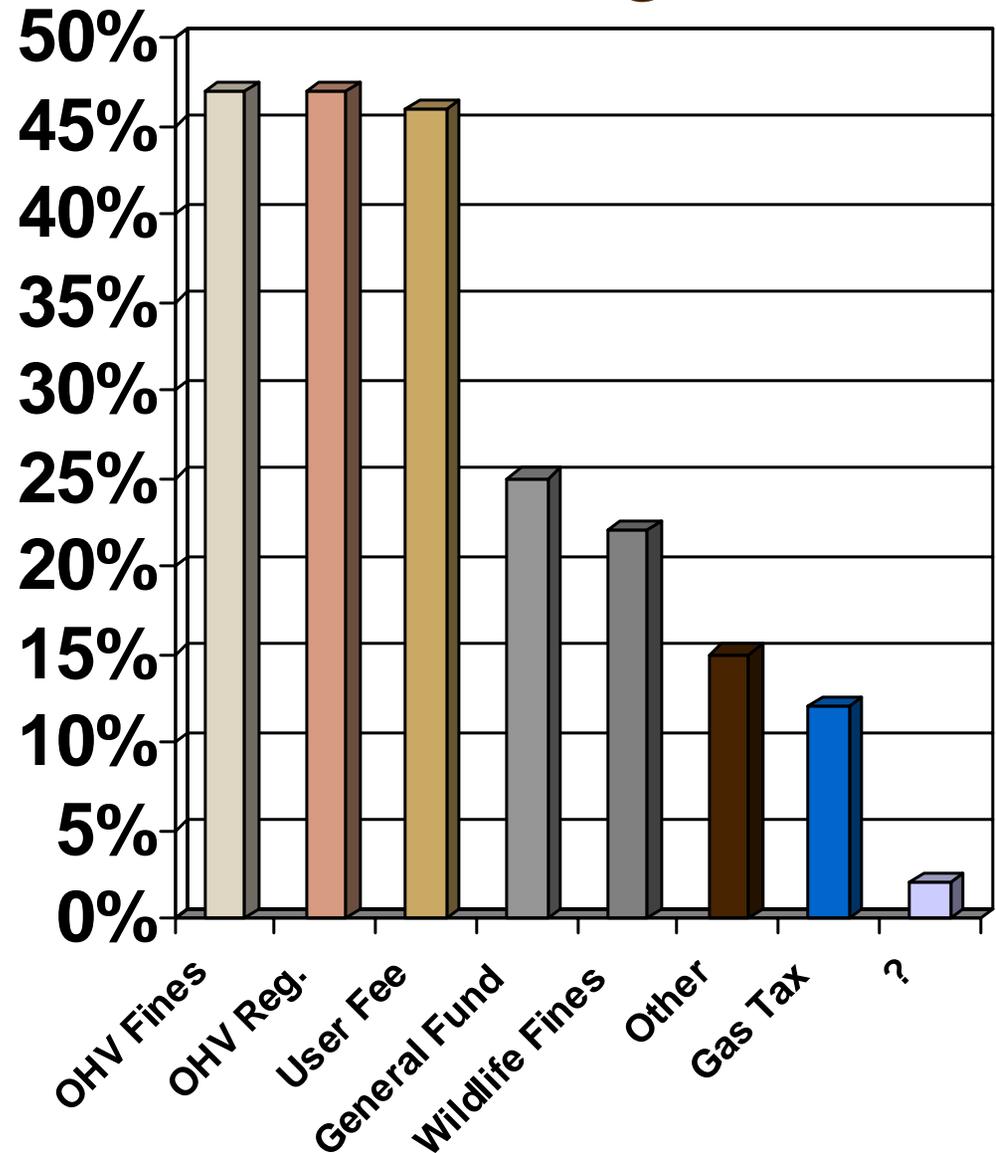
✦ Would you be willing to pay a user fee to meet the needs of off-highway vehicle users and protect natural resources?

✦ 1504 respondents

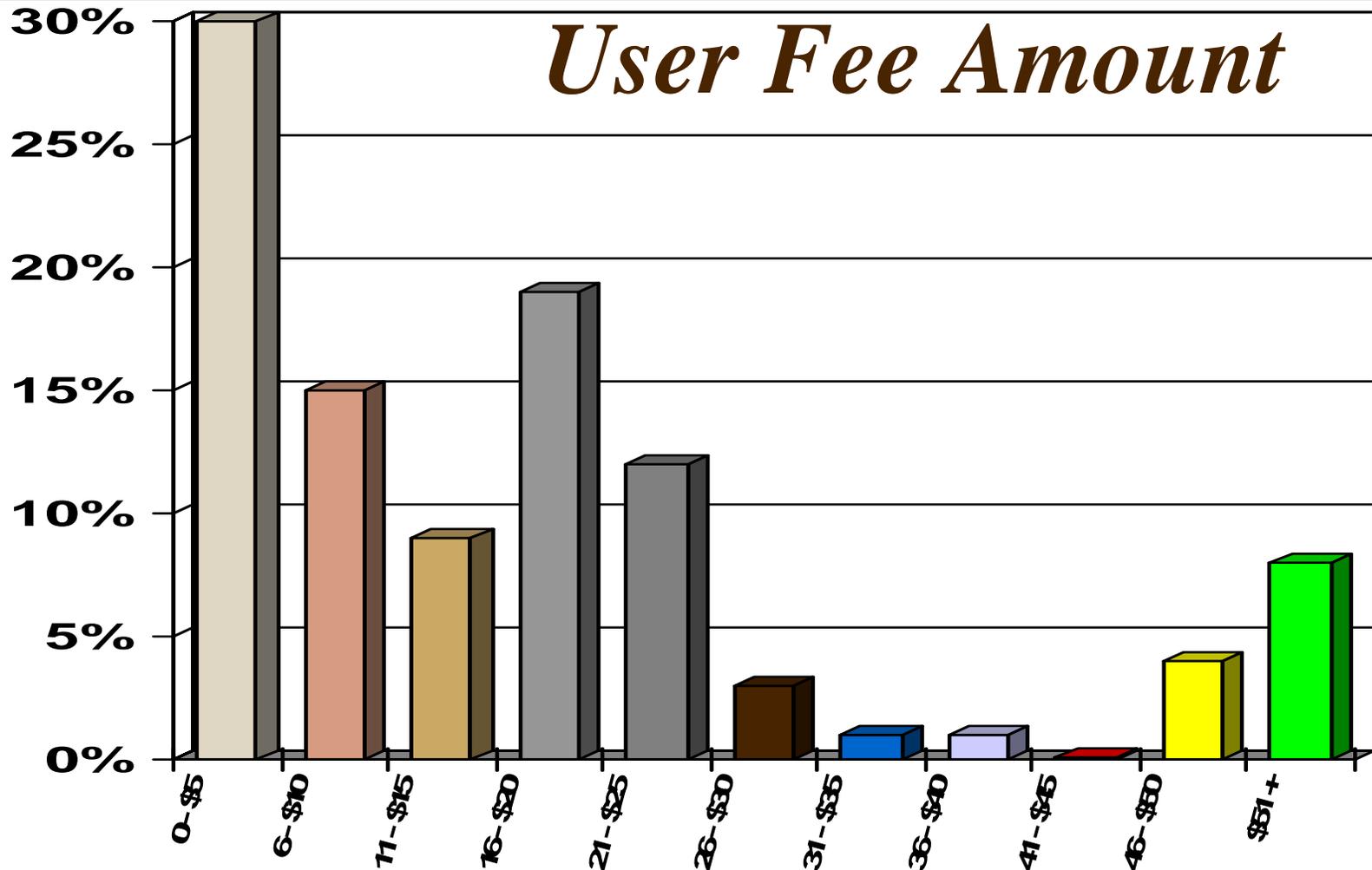


✦ If OHV management were increased across Arizona, where do you think funding should come from to support management, safety education, habitat protection, and law enforcement?

OHV Funding Sources

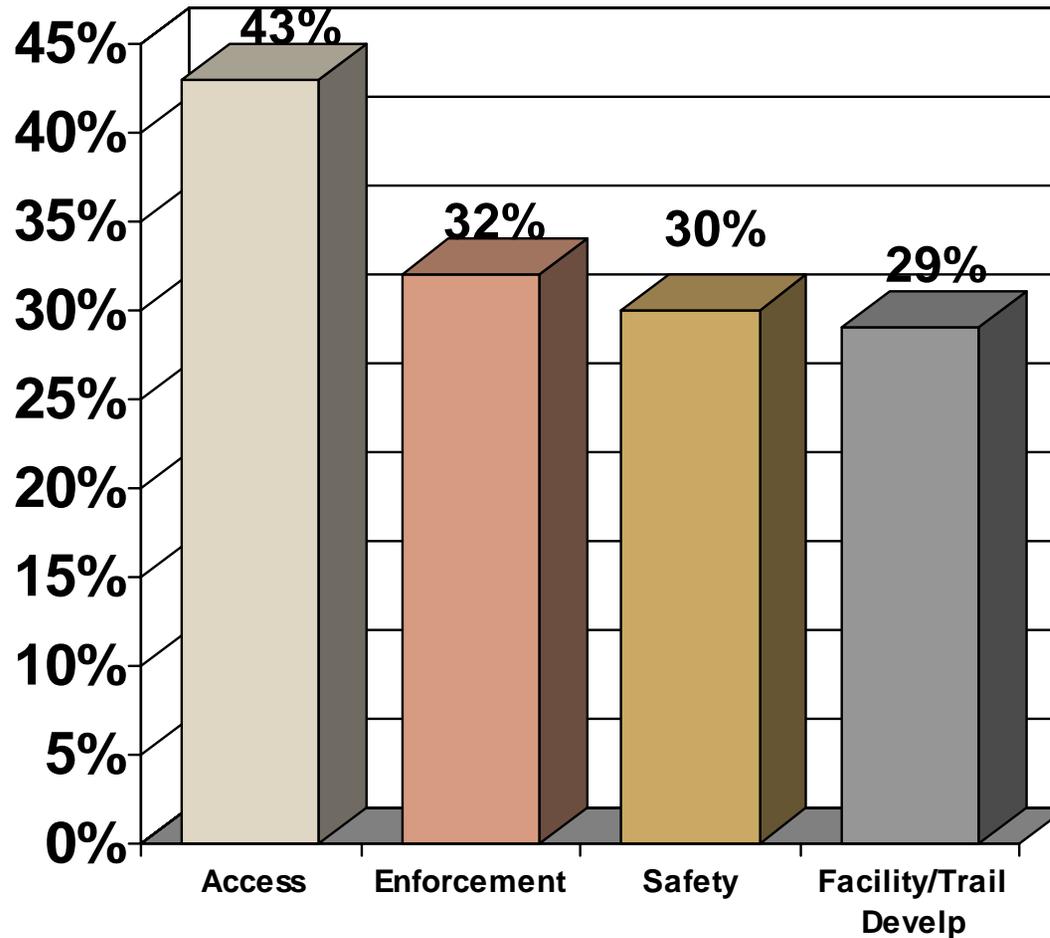


User Fee Amount



- ✦ If a fee was established, what do you feel is the appropriate per-vehicle fee to pay annually for off-highway vehicle (OHV) management in Arizona?

Respondent Priorities



Percent of online respondents that chose the following categories as their first or second choice.

Public Comments

Major Categories

- ✦ Where/how should funding be spent? (1183)
- ✦ What is the funding source? (1000)
- ✦ Law & Legal (794)
- ✦ Who Should Pay? (422)
- ✦ OHVAG Composition (354)
- ✦ Period Sticker is Valid (296)
- ✦ User Driven? (70)

Public Findings

- ✦ Where/how should funding be spent? (1183)
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Workgroup Options/Brainstorm

- ✦ Retain Current structure of the Off-highway Vehicle Recreation fund as per §ARS 28-1176
- ✦ Add accountability and oversight

Public Findings

✦ What is the funding source? (1000)

Workgroup Options/Brainstorm

- ✦ Volunteer Sticker Program
- ✦ One dollar surcharge to all motor vehicles
- ✦ Transfer registration dollars from MVD to OHV management
- ✦ Have Legislature pay back re-appropriated funding
- ✦ Increase gas tax portion from .55% to 1%
- ✦ Replace VLT with annual flat fee through MVD
- ✦ Income Tax check-off

Public Findings

✦ Law & Legal (794)

Workgroup Options/Brainstorm

- ✦ Submit Law Enforcement Proposal as Independent Bill
- ✦ Remove “undue” from proposed legislation §ARS 5-908 (A) & (C)

Public Findings

✦ Who Should Pay? (422)

Workgroup Option/Brainstorm

- ✦ Require all ATVs, ATCs and UTVs, to pay an annual flat fee through MVD
- ✦ Volunteer Sticker Program
- ✦ One dollar surcharge on every registration through MVD
- ✦ Transfer VLT registration dollars from MVD to OHV management
- ✦ Ask Legislature to pay back swept funding
- ✦ Increase gas tax dedication to OHV recreation fund from .55 to 1 per cent
- ✦ Income Tax check-off

Public Findings

✦ OHVAG Composition (354)

Workgroup Options/Brainstorm

- ✦ Have all funding go into the current OHV recreation fund and keep current composition of Advisory Group

Public Findings

✦ Period Sticker is Valid (296)

Workgroup Options/Brainstorm

✦ Make the period of validation one year from the date of purchase

Public Findings

✦ User Driven? (70)

Workgroup Options/Brainstorm

✦ Bill needs user support and must benefit OHV user community

Estimated Number of OHVs

Currently Registered ATC, ATV, UTV	50,000
RV Title Plated OHV	215,000
Unregistered Riders	120,000
Total	385,000

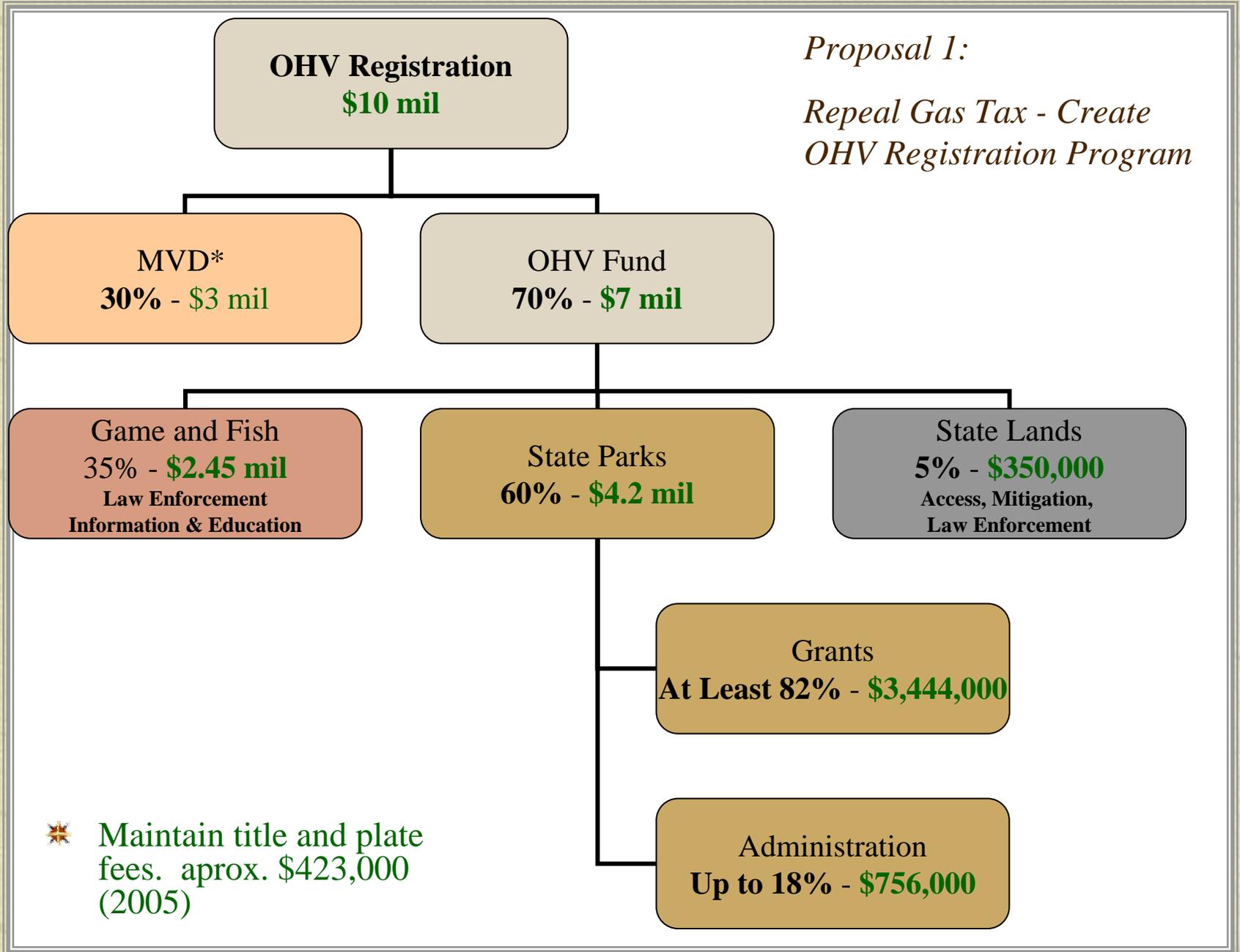
Proposal One

Repeal Gas Tax - Create OHV Registration Program

- ✦ **Repeal OHV Gas Tax** (55/100 of one per cent)
- ✦ No loss in existing revenue for state agencies
- ✦ Eliminate vehicle license tax (VLT) for OHVs and implement annual flat registration fee
- ✦ OHVs defined: ATC (3-wheelers, dirt bikes), ATV (quads), UTV (utility vehicles: Rhinos, Rangers)
- ✦ Maintains title plate required pursuant to ARS § 28-2512
- ✦ OHV registration would allow for travel on all streets and highways provided all other legal requirements are met

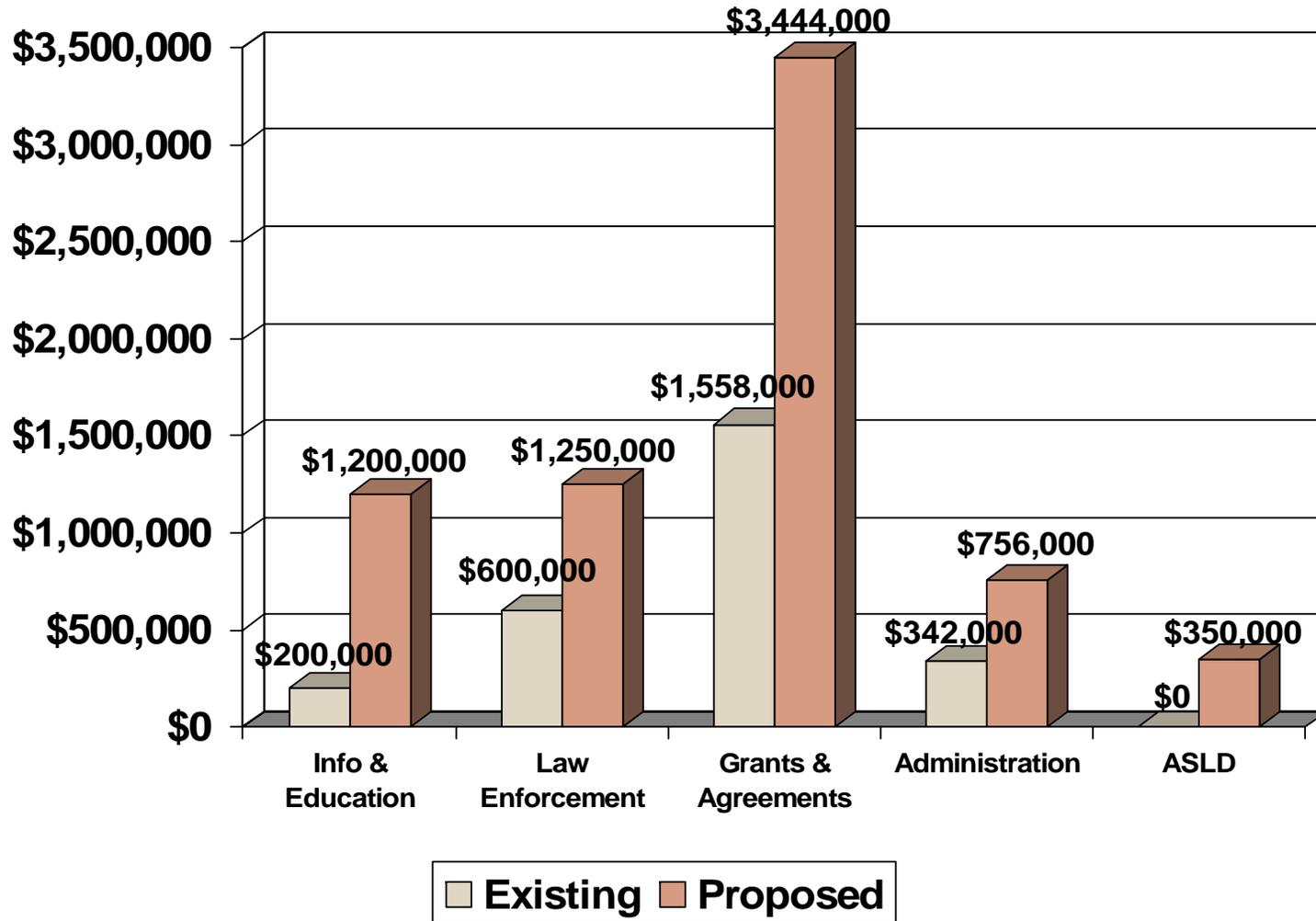
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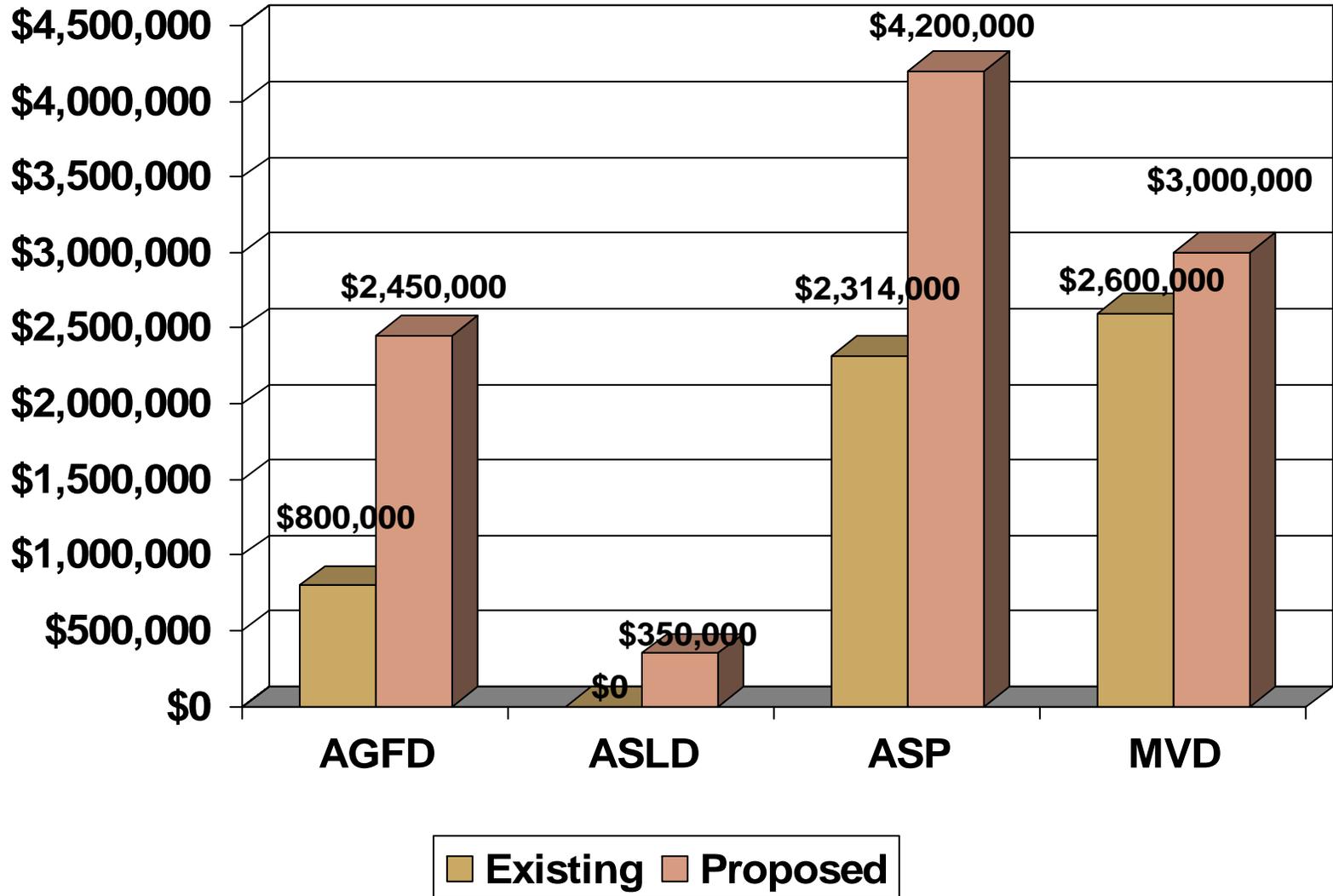
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Funding by Category



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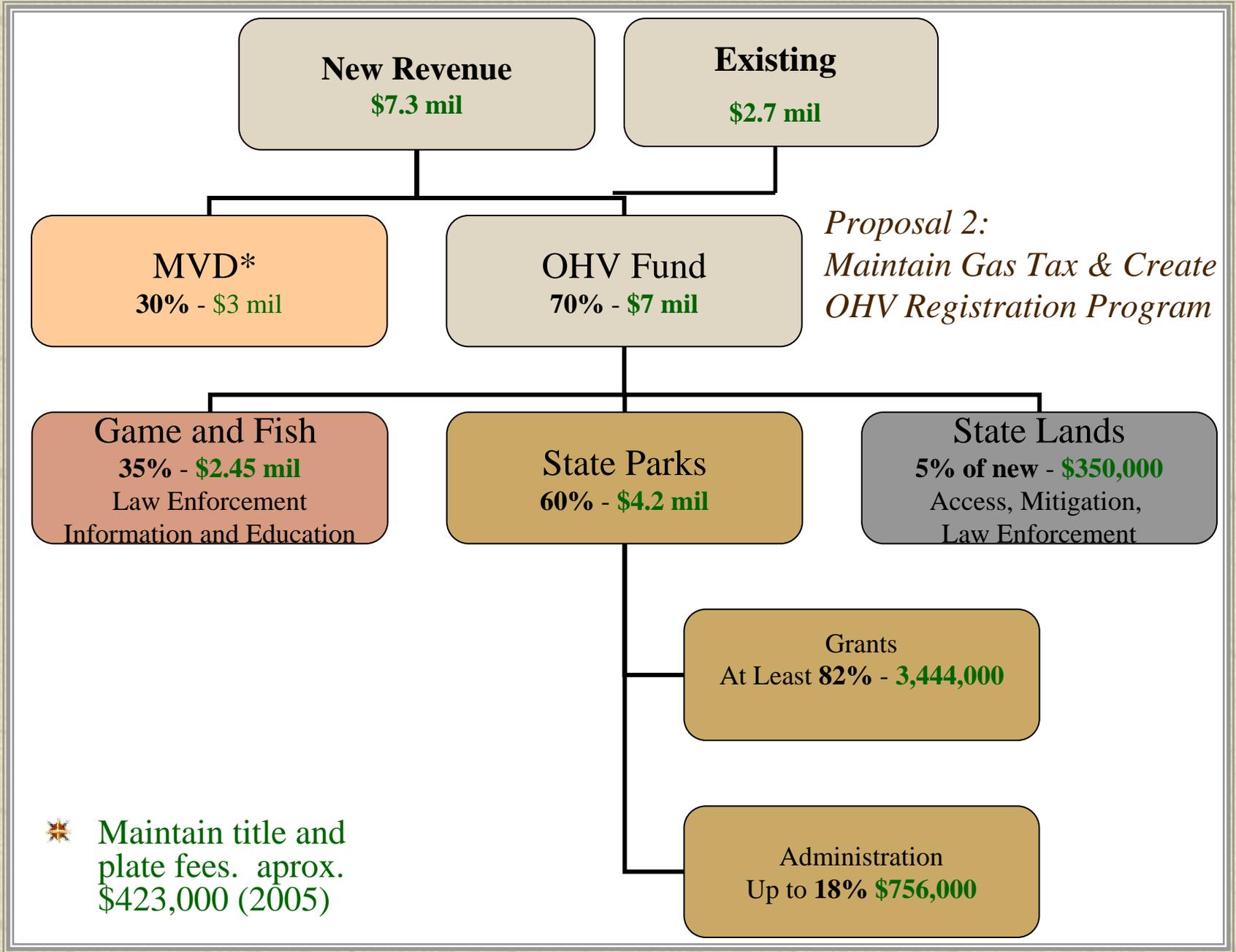
Funding by Agency



Proposal Two

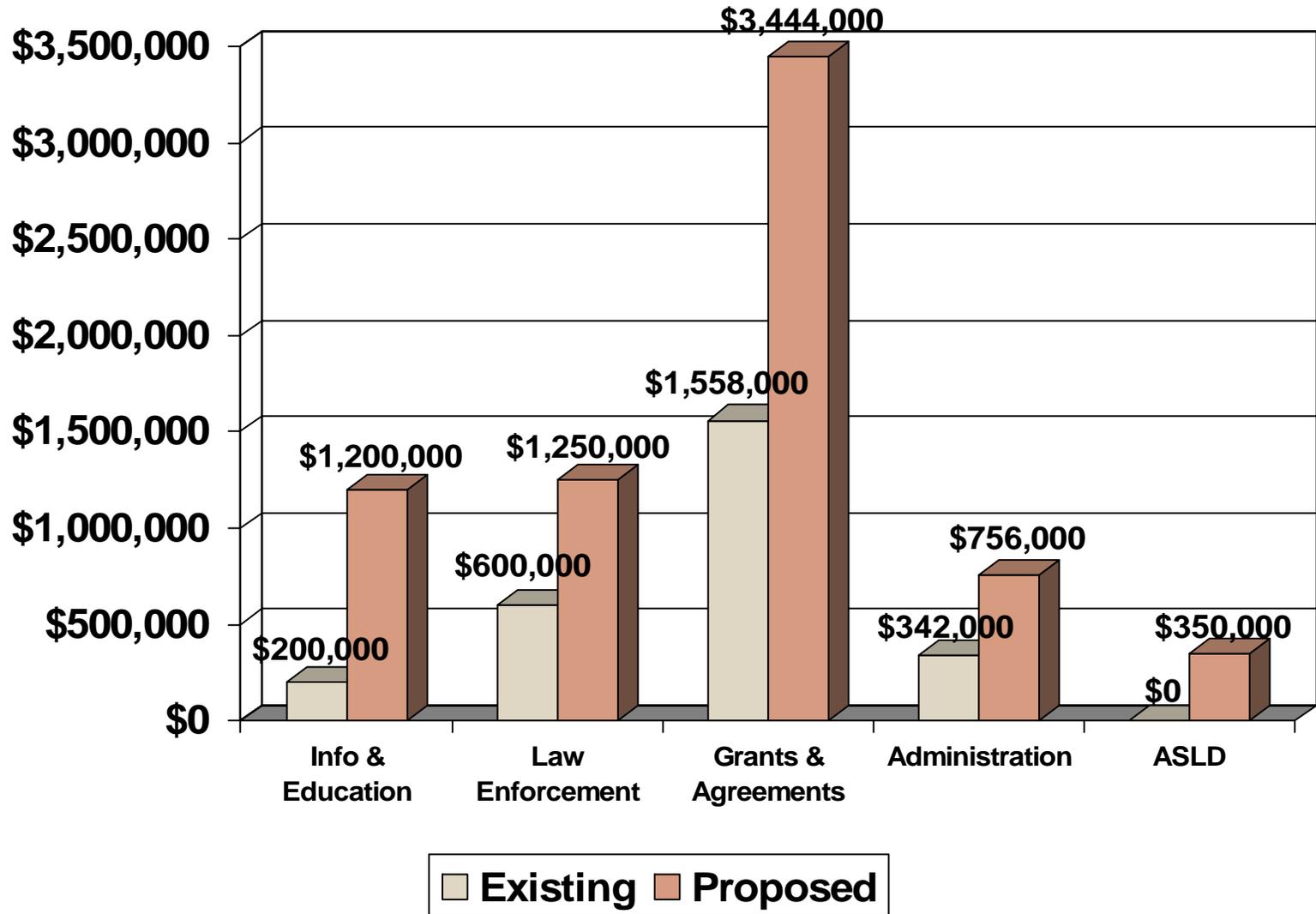
Maintain OHV Gas Tax - Create OHV Registration Program

- ✦ **Maintain existing OHV Recreational Fund (Gas Tax).**
- ✦ No loss in existing revenue for state agencies
- ✦ Eliminate vehicle license tax (VLT) for OHVs and implement annual flat registration fee
- ✦ OHVs defined: ATC (3-wheelers, dirt bikes), ATV (quads), UTV (utility vehicles: Rhinos, Rangers)
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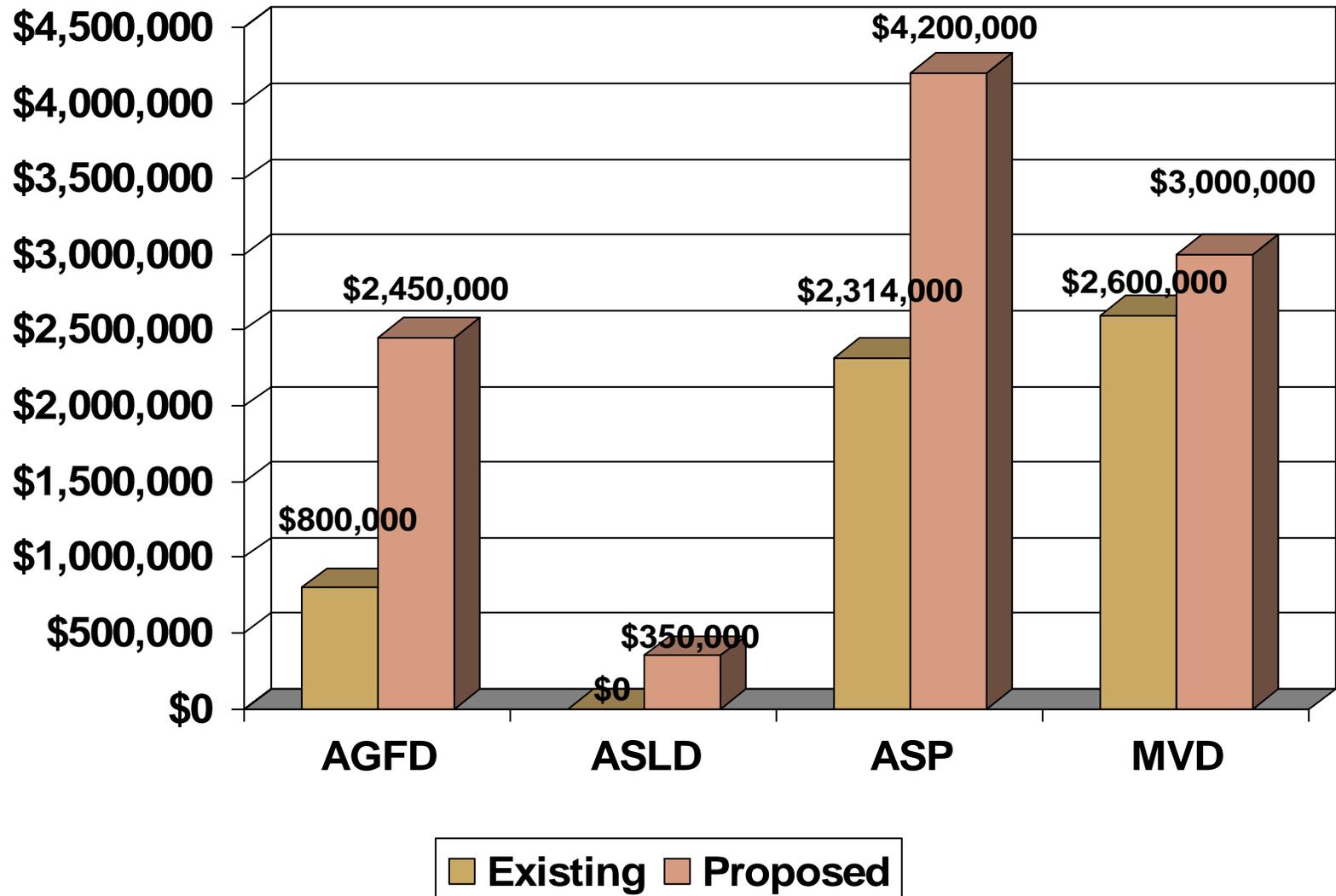
Proposal 2:

Funding by Category



Proposal 2:

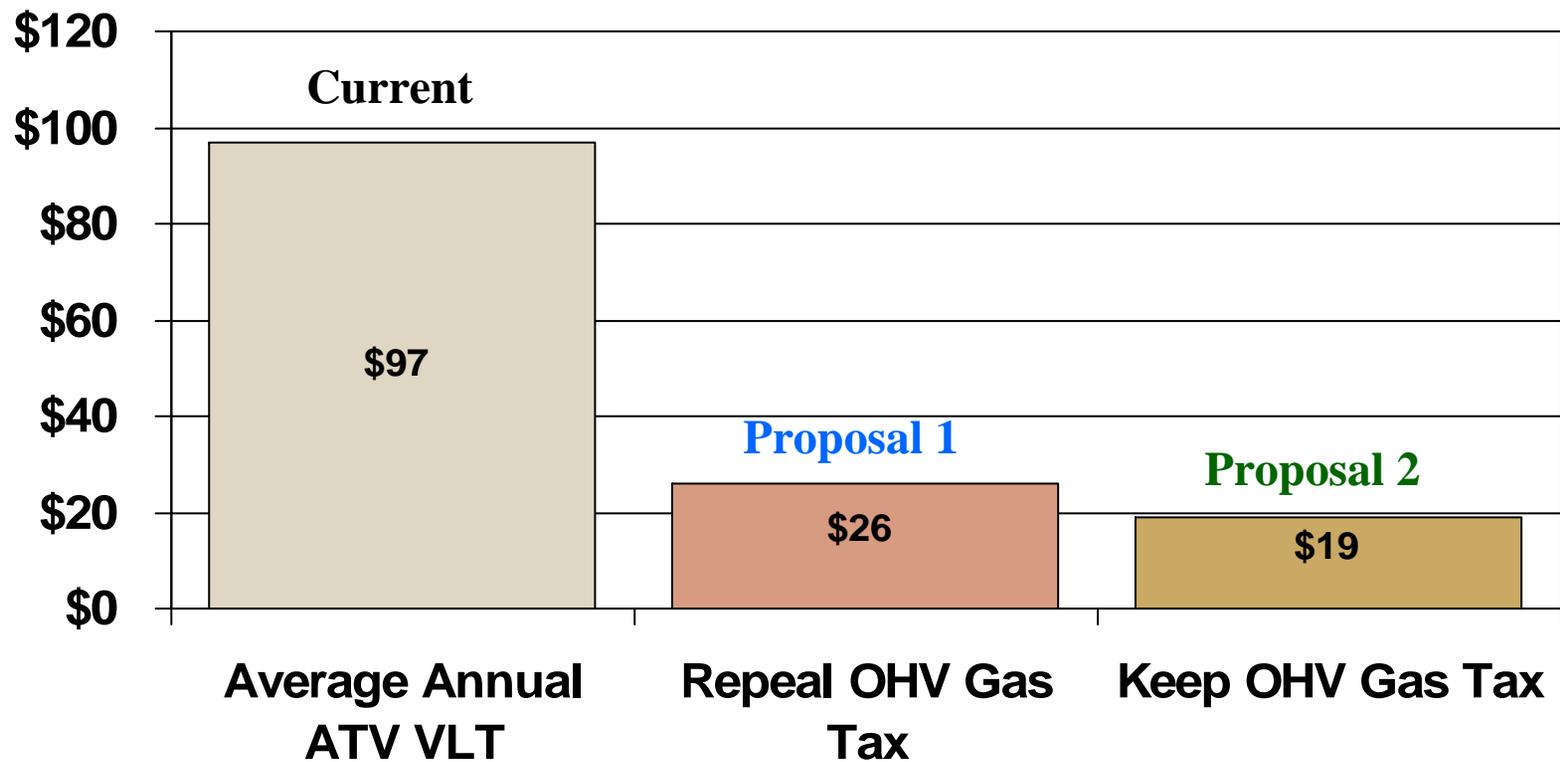
Funding by Agency



Estimated Annual Registration Numbers

Projected Annual Revenue	\$10,000,000
Proposal 1: Annual Registration per OHV	\$25.97
Proposal 2: Annual Registration per OHV	\$18.96
Currently Registered MC, ATV, UTV	50,000
RV Title Plated OHV	215,000
Unregistered Riders	120,000
Total	385,000

Annual OHV Registration Comparison





Thank You

