



## Application for a Bring Your Own Vehicle (BYOV) Build Homes On Wheels Alliance (HOWA), April 2022, Pahrump, NV

Bring Your Own Vehicle (BYOV) is a new HOWA Build Program for full-timers in the mobile community with little financial resources. These nomads can neither afford the supplies and materials, nor the labor costs for carpentry, insulation, or solar projects to make their vehicles into safe and secure homes on wheels.

### WHAT IS THE BUILD PROJECT?

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Each build project is a team effort that includes you, the recipient. After the vehicle is assessed and prepared, the build project will be completed in a single day. During a meeting with their Build Team, the recipient must agree to the project scope and materials list. Once the assessment and preparations are completed, the recipient delivers their vehicle empty to the build site. They are expected to be fully ready to work with their Build Team to do the install for the day. Builds take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in April, with a pre-meeting during the afternoon before and a wrap-up meeting the morning after.

### WHAT IS A BUILD SLOT?

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At this time, each “Build Slot” is a single, well-defined, one-day project. They are:

- Bed platform
- Shelving
- Solar power system
- Floor
- Ceiling vent/fan
- Insulated walls
- Insulated ceiling

### WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

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The application process is designed such that HOWA staff can accurately assess and select those full-time Nomads who are --

- in the most financial need AND
- who own a dependable vehicle appropriate for the mobile lifestyle (some cars, vans, RVs, trucks, etc.) AND
- are not encumbered by any limitations that make them unable to successfully continue as a nomad (financial, physical, family ties, etc.).

Applicants are screened, interviewed, ranked, and selected by HOWA staff for each Build Project Slot.

#### **Applications OPEN**

Feb 15, 2022

#### **Applications CLOSE**

March 15, 2022, midnight

#### **BUILD DATES**

April 4 – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

This program serves individuals who cannot otherwise afford improvements. The successful recipient will be a FULL TIME Nomad and demonstrate financial need, be transparent with documentation and income verification. Provide proof of ownership/Title of vehicle. Have a valid Driver’s License. Provide images of the interior and exterior of the vehicle needing a build. In the application, HOWA asks for contact information, and an accounting of resources.

A pool of **FINALISTS** are selected from all the applicants. They will be contacted to arrange for a phone interview with HOWA Staff

**RECIPIENTS** are selected from that pool. Those selected **Recipients** will need to be in Pahrump, Nevada for the BYOV event during the month of April. You will be part of the design and build team to make this build slot a good fit for you. These are BASIC improvements, do not expect or request custom finishings.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE BUILD?

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### Camping

During the 3 days of a build, the recipient will be invited to camp among other recipients on BLM land. No services are provided at camp. You must meet your own needs for food, water, shelter, warmth, toileting, and trash. In preparation, and on the day of the build the recipient will drive to the build site and work with the Volunteer Build Team assigned to their Build Project. Once your Build Project is completed, you are welcome to continue camping among the other recipients, but you will not be returning to the Build Site unless assigned to a volunteer team.

### Checking In

When you arrive at the build location, you will check in with your Driver's License and sign paperwork that includes an image release and a liability release form. Homes On Wheels Alliance and/or CheapRVLiving (a HOWA sponsor) may be recording video at these builds.

### Schedule

Afternoon of Day 1 - connect with your build team, assess your rig needs, finalize your plan and gather materials needed.

Day 2 -The Build Day.

Morning of Day 3 - Complete any loose ends, sign off on the build and wrap up by noon.

End of April - Be prepared to participate in an open house to share your new build project with the community.

## HOW TO APPLY – STEP BY STEP

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1. Read over the application to familiarize yourself with the requirements.
2. Gather the required supporting documents and either scan them or take photos of each of them.
3. Answer the questions in this application.
4. Email Suanne Carlson, Executive Director, at [HomesOnWheelsAlliance@gmail.com](mailto:HomesOnWheelsAlliance@gmail.com) with all the required documents attached. Only applications emailed to [HomesOnWheelsAlliance@gmail.com](mailto:HomesOnWheelsAlliance@gmail.com) will be accepted.
5. The emailed application and all electronic documents are due no later than midnight March 15,2022

## WHAT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS DO I NEED?

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**These are the items that are needed for a complete application.** Either scan them or take photos of them and attach them to the same email with this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Check off each item that you have attached to the email.

\_\_\_\_\_ Valid driver's license

\_\_\_\_\_ Title or Proof of vehicle ownership

\_\_\_\_\_ Latest bank statements from all your financial institutions

\_\_\_\_\_ Your last Federal tax filing documents (for example, your 1040), **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ - If you did not file federal taxes, then 2 letters from individuals that know of your need,

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-6 images of the vehicle interior (Floor, Ceiling, Roof) and 2-3 images of your exterior

## THE APPLICATION

**Note: All communication with HOWA is by email.**

**Full Name**

**Email**

**Phone Number(s)**

**Physical address** (no PO Box or Mail Forwarder) for driver's license and vehicle insurance:

Street, City, State, Zip:

**Mailing address**, if different

Street, or PO Box/Mail Box, City, State, ZIP

**What is your greatest NEED?** Indicate your preferred type of Build.

Number your most desired to least desired "1," "2," and "3" in the far-left box. "1" = most needed.

If you don't need a particular Build leave it blank.

<u>Rank in order of Most Needed</u>	<u>Build Slots</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Materials</u>
	Bed	Create a solid, wooden platform sleeping area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raw ¾ or 1 inch plywood base and lumber supports</li> </ul>
	Shelves	Basic frame shelving. Raw unfinished wood. Shelves will have a lip but no doors or drawers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raw plywood with lumber supports</li> </ul>
	Floor	A flat plywood deck in the living space, with vinyl flooring.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ¾ inch plywood</li> <li>• Vinyl flooring of HOWA's choosing.</li> <li>• Edges trimmed at doors</li> <li>• No insulation</li> </ul>
	Wall Insulation	Large areas of wall areas will be insulated and skinned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extruded Polystyrene (EPS) or Polyisocyanurate (polyiso) (foam-board insulation)</li> <li>• ¼" skin of HOWA's choosing (may or may not be finished)</li> </ul>
	Ceiling Insulation	Large areas of ceiling will be insulated and skinned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPS or polyiso (foam-board insulation)</li> <li>• ¼" skin of HOWA's choosing (may or may not be finished)</li> </ul>
	Solar – Larger Capacity	200W solar power system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 portable 200W Solar panel</li> <li>• One 100ah battery</li> <li>• Charge Controller</li> <li>• 12v fuse block, 1 set of power receptacles</li> <li>• 600W inverter</li> <li>• Wiring, fuses</li> </ul>
	Solar – Smaller Capacity	100-120W solar power system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Portable Power Station</li> <li>• 100-120W portable solar panel</li> <li>• 700W/537Wh</li> <li>• All power receptacles on the box</li> </ul>
	Roof Vent/Fan	1 standard manufactured fan or vent installed in roof	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Butyl tape and caulking</li> <li>• Fan/Vent</li> </ul>

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

YES	NO	
_____	_____	Are you living as a Full Time Nomad?
_____	_____	Do you own your vehicle?
_____	_____	Are you willing to sign a liability release form?
_____	_____	Are you willing to participate in videos and sign an image release form?
_____	_____	Do you agree to allow HOWA to perform a background check on you?
_____	_____	Are you available to be in Pahrump during April 2022?
_____	_____	Are you financially able to get to Pahrump during April 2022?
_____	_____	Are you able to disperse camp in the desert? (no amenities provided)
_____	_____	Are you able to empty your vehicle in preparation for the build?

If selected for a solar build project, what items do you expect to charge or power in your vehicle? Check all that apply.

_____ Laptop	_____ 12v compressor refrigerator
_____ Phone	_____ CPAP
_____ Lights	_____ Heating Pad
_____ Hair Dryer or Curling Iron	_____ Electric Blanket

110/120v appliances (fridge/freezer, Instapot, blender, toaster, microwave, etc.) List below:

List other electrical items not mentioned above

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME		ALL DEBT	
Paid Work	\$ _____	Vehicle Loans	\$ _____
Social Sec	\$ _____	Student Loans	\$ _____
Social Sec Disability	\$ _____	Other Loans	\$ _____
SSI	\$ _____	Credit Card	\$ _____
Pension	\$ _____	Mortgage	\$ _____
Retirement withdrawals	\$ _____		
Other monthly income	\$ _____		

ALL ASSETS			
Savings	\$ _____	Retirement Savings	\$ _____
House	\$ _____	Insurance Annuities	\$ _____
Land	\$ _____		
Vehicle	\$ _____	Year/Make/Model	_____
Other Vehicles	\$ _____	Years/Makes/Models	_____
Other assets	_____		

What additional information do you think HOWA should know about you and your situation to help us in our selection process?

Note: In the application review process, HOWA staff may request additional information.

COVID: HOWA recommends that all participants follow CDC guidelines to stay safe from COVID.

I attest that my answers to this application are both accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date