2024 (G24) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program BLM - Ukiah Field Office's Factual Findings

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The information provided below is the OHMVR Division Factual Findings for this Applicant. The information provided reflects the OHMVR Division's review and determination of the Applicant's final Application.

For information regarding the appeal process, see Section 4970.17 of the <u>Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations webpage</u> https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23747

General Evaluation Criteria:

- #1d OHV Opportunity Ratio. Add 5 points.
- #6 Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.

Ground Operations: G24-01-17-G01

Project Description – Background

No change.

Project Description – Project Description

No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

No change.

Project Description – All Others

No change.

Project Cost Estimate

Equipment Purchase #3 "Crew Sized UTV" – The Applicant stated the cost of the UTV is \$24,000, and it will be used up to 20% on non-OHV work. However, \$20,000 is being requested between the Applicant's Ground Operations and Restoration Projects, which is greater than 80% of the cost (80% of \$24,000 is \$19,200; \$20,000 – \$19,200 = \$800). The Applicant must deduct \$800 between the Restoration and Ground Operations Projects. Deduct \$240 from Grant and

\$80 from Match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$4,260 and match \$2,820.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$343,399

Match: \$118,471

Total Project Cost: \$461,870

Evaluation Criteria

No change.

Restoration: Project G24-01-17-R01

Project Description – Background

No change.

Project Description – Project Description

No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

No change.

Project Description – All Others

Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles –
Contingent Project: If funded, Applicant must further clarify how they will ensure
no duplication of services to their G23 Restoration Project. In addition, Applicant
must provide updated maps for all proposed Project Areas.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 "Outdoor Recreation Planner" Managing the grant is considered an Indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant listed five (5) activities for this line item. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line-item total by 20%. Move \$6,841 to Indirect Costs category Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$27,364 and match \$0.
- Staff #4 "Assistant Field Manager Recreation" Assisting the ORP with project planning, organizing, coordinating, assigning project tasks, and other related supervisory Project activities in the office are considered Indirect activities as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. The Applicant listed four (4) activities for this line item. Removing three (3) activities reduces the line-item total by 75%. Move \$13,154 to Indirect Costs category Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$4,384 and match \$0.

- Staff #11 "Law Enforcement" The Applicant did not adequately address the
 Division's comment. It is unclear that there will be no duplication of services with
 the Applicant's Law Enforcement Project as they are in the same Project Area.
 The Applicant must remove this line item. Deduct \$27,507 from Grant and \$0
 from match.
- Equipment Purchases #1 & 2 Contingent line item: The Applicant did not adequately respond to the Division comments. If funded, the Applicant must clarify which Grant Cycle Ground Operations Project is funding the piece of Equipment.
- Equipment Purchase # 2 "Crew UTV" The Applicant stated the cost of the UTV is \$24,000, and it will be used up to 20% on non-OHV work. \$20,000 is being requested between the Applicant's Ground Operations and Restoration Projects, which is greater than 80% of the cost. Applicant must deduct \$800 between the Restoration and Ground Operations Projects. Deduct \$480 from Grant and \$0 from Match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$12,020 and match \$0.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$334,649

Match: \$46,839

Total Project Cost: \$381,488

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 The narrative does not support the selection of "archeological and historic resources". Applicant did not identify at least one (1) verifiable archeological and/or historical resource within the California Register of Historical Resources or the National Register of Historic Places. Deduct 3 points.
- #3 The narrative does not support the selection. The Applicant did not provide sufficient evidence to justify the selection of restoring the natural resource system damaged by OHV activity as the primary reason for this Project. The initial issue causing the resource damage was the burned fencing and vegetation, along with the created dozer lines, which allowed access to previously blocked–off areas of sensitive resources. Deduct 1 point.
- #11 The Project Description section does not support the selection of "Greater than 10 acres..." of sensitive habitats, which will be actively restored within the Project Area. It is not clear if the areas listed are "sensitive habitats". The Applicant did not provide additional details in this section to support the selection. Deduct 5 points.

Education and Safety: G24-01-17-S01

Project Description – Background

• No change.

Project Description - Project Description

No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

No change.

Project Description – All Others

No change.

Project Cost Estimate

No change.

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 The Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #5 The Project Description section does not support the selections. The Applicant did not provide additional information on how each vehicle type will be addressed in this Project. Deduct 4 points.
- #8 The Project Description section does not support the selection of "Outreach booths/Exhibits" as a method of education. While the Applicant updated the Project Description, the information provided is not considered Outreach booths/Exhibits. Deduct 2 points.

Law Enforcement: G24-01-17-L01

Needs Assessment

No change.

Project Certification

No change.

Project Cost Estimate

 Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Abandoned Vehicle Removal" – Contingent Line Item: The Applicant must confirm that the abandoned vehicles to be removed in this Project are associated with OHV Recreation. Additionally, the Applicant is reminded that removing abandoned vehicles not associated with OHV Recreation is not an eligible Project activity for an OHV Law Enforcement Project, as it lacks an OHV nexus.