

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program BLM - Bishop Field Office's Factual Findings

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

General Evaluation Criteria:

- #1d – OHV Opportunity Ratio. Add 4 points.
- #6 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #7c – Alabama Hills Recreation and National Scenic Area Map does not include the message "respect signs and concerns of private landowners." Deduct 1 point.

Ground Operations: G26-01-05-G01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #7 – Applicant must move the language related to "Beyond this limited formal mileage, staff will also monitor route conditions..." to Project Deliverable - Other. The activity is not an Environmental or Cultural requirement.

Project Description – All Others

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 "Seasonal Park Rangers" – Applicant increased the number of staff and quantity of hours within the line items notes without receiving a Public or Division comment. Applicant must update the line item notes to reflect the preliminary Application request of 4 staff members. In addition, Applicant's revised Project Description now reflects 50 to 100 miles of RYG monitoring, which represents a 94% decrease in monitoring scope compared to the 1,630 miles identified in the preliminary Application. Applicant must reduce the proposed staff time allocated to monitoring activities by 94% to accurately reflect the revised monitoring scope. Deduct \$29,836 from Grant. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$75,964 and match \$0.
- Staff #2 "Permanent Recreation Staff" – Applicant did not respond to the Division comment regarding the portion of staff time dedicated to monitoring the 1,630 miles of trails and roads described under Project Deliverable #7. As the Applicant did not provide a specific percentage of time dedicated to this activity, the Division will

continue to apply the 30% allocation previously identified for Staff #1. Applicant's revised Project Description now reflects 50 to 100 miles of RYG monitoring, which represents a 94% decrease in monitoring scope compared to the 1,630 miles identified in the preliminary Application. Applicant must reduce the proposed staff time allocated to monitoring activities by 94% to accurately reflect the revised monitoring scope. Applicant must decrease the time spent monitoring by 94%. Deduct \$21,923 from Grant and \$11,294 from match. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$56,077 and match \$28,506.

- Staff #3 "Civil Engineering Technician" – Applicant did not clarify the specific role and duties (i.e., vandalism repair, signage, and general campground maintenance) of this position and demonstrate how they are directly related to and necessary for the completion of the Project Deliverables. Applicant must remove the cost and verbiage related to "maintaining kiosks, signage, restrooms, painting, bushing etc". Deduct \$3,740 from Grant. Revised line item total is now Grant \$12,240 and match \$0.
- Indirect Costs – Applicant has now exceeded the 15% maximum allowable. Deduct \$227 from Grant and \$5,454 from match. Revised total for Indirect costs category is now Grant \$1,473 and match \$33,546.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$234,934

Match: \$100,419

Total Project Cost: \$335,353

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Project Description and/or Project Deliverables does not support the narrative described in the selection of "Loss of OHV Opportunity". The proposed scope of trail maintenance is limited relative to the overall Project Area. Deduct 1 point.
- #3 – Narrative does not support the selection of "Providing varied levels of riding difficulty." Applicant did not provide example(s) of Project activities being performed that support the selection. Deduct 1 point.
- #5 – Narrative does not support the selection. "USFS - Inyo National Forest" does not meet the criteria of a Partner. Deduct 2 points.
- #6 – Project Description and/or narrative does not support the selection of "Protecting water quality...". Applicant did not provide examples of the activities performed in the Project that support the selection. Deduct 1 point.
- #8 – Background and/or Project Description sections do not support the selection. The level of trail maintenance described in the identified areas appears insufficient to meet the threshold required for these points. Deduct 6 points.

Law Enforcement: G26-01-05-L01

Need Assessment

- No change.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- No change.