

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program BLM - Ridgecrest 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 2 points.
- #6 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.

Ground Operations: G26-01-15-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

- Staff #1 "Park Ranger" – The time spent utilizing the water truck appears excessive. Applicant may claim two weeks of time performing the work. Deduct \$5,696 from Grant and \$1,899 from match. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$70,204 and match \$23,701.
- Staff #2" Heavy Equipment Operator" – Cost appears excessive in relation to the Ground Disturbing work under Project Deliverable #1. Applicant may claim 100 hours (two weeks of work with additional time for travel). Deduct \$6,500 from Grant. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$6,500 and match \$0.
- Staff #5 "Field Archaeologist" – Applicant increased the line item without receiving a Division comment. Deduct \$15,979 from Grant and \$5,729 from match. Revised total for the line item is now Grant \$10,000 and match \$3,400.
- Staff #6 "Resource Staff" – The OHV nexus for the Geologist position is unclear. Applicant must remove the cost and verbiage related to the position. Deduct \$112 from Grant and \$40 from match. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$5,508 and match \$1,940.
- Staff #8 "Volunteers" – "Looking for incursions off the legal route system" is considered a Restoration Project activity. Applicant stated that 40% of time is related to "HMP Monitoring" and stated two activities under this description. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line item total by 20%. Deduct \$1,606 from match.

Revised line item total is now Grant \$0 and match \$6,422.

- Contracts #1 & 2 – Contingent line items. Applicant must provide a copy of the contract quote(s) or the most recent on file.
- Contract #5 “Maintenance of Trona Pinnacles Routes” – Contingent line item. Applicant did not provide a clear explanation of how the contract cost was determined, including the precise scope, location, and amount of work to be conducted. In addition, the proposed use of seven pieces of Heavy Equipment appears excessive relative to the scope of work outlined in the Project Deliverables. Applicant did not provide a clear justification for the number of Heavy Equipment pieces required and demonstrate that this quantity is necessary to successfully accomplish the Project Deliverables. Lastly, Applicant must provide copy of the supporting contract quote or a recent quote that was used to determine the costs.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "Grader Rental" – The proposed cost of the line item appears excessive when compared to like Projects. It is unclear why a monthly equipment rental is necessary to complete 6 miles of trail work. Applicant did not provide a detailed explanation within the line item notes of how the equipment will be utilized, including the specific plan for deployment and the amount of work the operators are able to accomplish per work day. Applicant may claim two (2) weeks of Equipment rental and may request a Project Reallocation Request to increase the line item if sufficient justification is provided. Deduct \$1,400 from Grant. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$5,400.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Water Truck" – The proposed cost the line item appears excessive when compared to like Projects. It is unclear why a monthly equipment rental is necessary to complete 6 miles of trail work. Applicant did not provide a detailed explanation within the line item notes of how the equipment will be utilized, including the specific plan for deployment and the amount of work the operators are able to accomplish per work day. Applicant may claim two (2) weeks of Equipment rental and may request a Project Reallocation Request to increase the line item if sufficient justification is provided. Deduct \$600 from Grant. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$2,220.
- Others #2 “Interpretive Printing” – Applicant did not provide a detailed explanation justifying the line item increase. Applicant may claim a 15% increase compared to the prior year's Project. Deduct \$850 from Grant. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$1,150 and match \$0.
- Indirect #7 "Facilities, Utilities, Equipment" – Applicant is reminded that all purchased goods claimed as Project expenses must be used exclusively on the Project. Any purchased goods that are not used solely for Project-related activities may only be claimed on a proportional basis reflecting the actual share of use directly attributable to the Project.
- Indirect Costs – Applicant now exceeds the maximum allowable for Indirect and does not meet the 26% minimum match requirement. Deduct \$319 from Grant and \$2,199 from match. Revised Indirect Costs are now Grant \$4,681 and match \$58,089.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$423,153

Match: \$148,676

Total Project Cost: \$571,829

Evaluation Criteria

- No change.

Development: G26-01-15-D01

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

- Materials / Supplies 1 & 2 – Applicant shall remove the line items as there are no costs associated. In the event Applicant needs to complete a reallocation request, they may contact their Grant Administrator.
- Others #1 "Employee Travel" – Applicant refers to the number of employees with Staff #5, which is 5 employees. Applicant shall reduce the cost by \$3,090. Deduct \$2,163 Grant and \$927 match. Revised line item total is now \$10,837 Grant and \$4,613 match.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Indirect Staff Labor – ORP" – 'Time keeping' and 'Credit card reconciliation' are duplicative of the duties listed within Indirect Costs #2. Applicant listed seven (7) duties for the line item. Removing two (2) activities reduces the line item by 29%. Deduct \$2,680 from Indirect match. Revised line item total is now \$6,563 match.
- Due to deductions, Applicant now does not meet the minimum 26% match requirement for the Project and must move \$1,811 from Grant to match.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$326,626

Match: \$114,761

Total Project Cost: \$441,387

Evaluation Criteria

- No change.

Education & Safety: G26-01-15-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

- Staff #1 "Law Enforcement" – Based upon Applicant's justification, Division will allow for hours to increase by one hundred and fifty (150) hours as that is the difference in time from the 'Recreation Staff'. Hours are reduced by one hundred (100). Deduct \$8,170 Grant and \$1,330 match. Revised line item total is now \$28,400 Grant and \$4,850 match.
- Materials / Supplies #1 "Brochures/Handouts" – Applicant revised the narrative to provide the methodology but did not align the line item total with the total provided. Line item total is \$1,500. Total provided in the narrative is \$1,457. Deduct \$43 Grant. New line item total \$1,457 Grant \$0 match. In addition, Applicant is reminded maps, videos and/or handouts that display the "OHV Trust Funds at Work" logo must be reviewed and approved by the OHMVR Division prior to publication.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Indirect Staff Labor" – Applicant increased the Grant request for this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. The line item reverts to the original preliminary Application Grant request of \$500 Grant and match \$1,500. Deduct \$0 from Grant and \$262 match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant request of \$500 Grant and match \$1,500.
- Indirect Costs #2 "Indirect Materials" – Applicant must remove the line item as there are zero costs associated. In the event Applicant requires 'Indirect Materials' they may reach out to their assigned Grant Administrator.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$38,157

Match: \$15,170

Total Project Cost: \$53,327

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #8 - Project Background and/or Project Description does not support 'social media'. Deduct 2 points.
- #9 - Narrative better supports the selection of '1,000 - 10,000' individuals. Deduct 1 point.

Law Enforcement: G26-01-15-L01

Need Assessment

- No change.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- No change.