

2024 (G24) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program El Dorado County CAO'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 [Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations webpage](https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23747)
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General Evaluation Criteria:

- #1d – OHV Opportunity Ratio. Add 2 points.
- #6 – The Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #11a – The narrative does not support the selections. The Applicant did not provide details to support how both selections address OHV Recreational practices. Deduct 10 points.
- #8b – The narrative does not support the selections. The Applicant did not provide a detailed explanation for "Ongoing survey/inventory archeological...", "Biological monitoring...", "Components that evaluate...", "Recommendations for improvement...", and "Strategies to respond...". Deduct 5 points.

Ground Operations: G24-03-06-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

- Contracts #2 "Helicopter Services" – The Applicant provided a Contract breakdown in the notes that equates to a \$494,500 cost for services. The methodology in the note's section does not match the line item amount claimed. Deduct \$5,500 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$494,500 and match \$0.
- Contracts #3 "Veerkamp Construction – Helicopter" – Spare Equipment and personnel for redundancies is considered an indirect cost activity as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. The Applicant must move the verbiage for this activity and its associated cost to the Indirect Cost category. The line item is reduced by 50%. Deduct \$8,000 from Grant and \$21,937 from match (could not move the cost to the Indirect Costs category as Project is over the allowable 15% maximum indirect amount). The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$29,938.
- Contracts #4 "Consultant for HMP Plan" – Updating the Habitat Management Program is an ineligible Project expense as it occurs outside of the Project Performance Period (reports are due with the submittal of the final Application). Applicant must remove the line item. Deduct \$50,000 from match.
- Contracts #6 & 7 – The Applicant did not further define how the line item cost was determined. The Applicant must provide clarification on how the line item cost was determined.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "4x4" – The Applicant increased the "Rate" for this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. The line item reverts to the original preliminary "Rate" of \$0.580/MI. Deduct \$1,788 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$6,912.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Indirect Costs" – The Applicant is now over the 15% allowable amount for Indirect. Deduct \$2,025 from match. In addition, the Applicant does not meet the minimum 26% match requirement for the Project. Move \$49,688 from Grant to match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$2,036 and match \$99,387.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$678,190

Match: \$238,284

Total Project Cost: \$916,474.

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – The narrative does not support the selection of "Providing varied levels of riding". The Applicant did not provide examples of Project activities being performed that support the selection. Deduct 1 point.
- #4 – The narrative does not support the selections of "The Applicant initiated and conducted publicly noticed..." and "The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in-person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders...". The Applicant did not host the public meeting, did not state how the public was notified, nor did they

state the number of meeting participants. In addition, the stakeholder meeting occurred after the preliminary Application filing date of March 4, 2024, making it ineligible. Deduct 2 points.

- #5 – The narrative does not support the selection The Applicant did not provide additional information on how "El Dorado National Forest" and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit" on how partners will actively participate in the Project. Deduct 2 points.

Education and Safety: G24-03-06-S01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- The Applicant should ensure the List of Project Deliverables is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project deliverable title. Applicant must update the Project deliverable descriptions by eliminating any activities irrelevant to the deliverable title, relocating information to the appropriate deliverable title, removing any redundant language, and/or moving information to the Background or Project Description sections if more suitable. In addition, the Applicant added "Website" to the Project Description section without Division or Public comment. If awarded, Applicant must remove language from the Project Description section.

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.

- #6 – The narrative does not support the selection of "The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders...". The stakeholder meeting occurred after the preliminary Application filing date of March 4, 2024, making it ineligible. In addition, the Applicant did not host the stakeholder meeting. Deduct 1 point.
- #7 – The narrative does not support the selection of "Evaluation and feedback received from Project participant". While the Applicant updated the narratives, the information provided did not provide identifiable and/or measurable elements to substantiate the selection. Deduct 2 points.
- #8 – "Website" and "Self-guided trails" are not eligible selections, as they are not part of this Education and Safety Project. In addition, the narrative does not support the selection of "hands-on learning". The Applicant did not clarify what their "Tread Lightly" hands-on learning education method consists of. Deduct 6 points.
- #9 – The narrative does not support the selection. The data indicates that 8,000 people used the trail between May and September, but it does not specify if these are weekend-only users. The Project only provides staff on the weekends during those months to educate users on the trail. Based on educational methods identified in Question 8, "1,000 to 10,000" is the more appropriate response. Deduct 1 point.