

# 2024 (G24) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Friends of El Mirage'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.
- #7c – The Applicant's response does not match the Land Manager's response. Deduct 2 points.
- #8b – The Applicant's response does not match the Land Manager's response. Deduct 5 points.

## **Ground Operations: G24-04-11-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**

- Materials / Supplies #4 "Hand tools" – The Applicant did not provide sufficient additional details in the line item notes to justify the cost. The Applicant is allowed a 15% increase from the prior year's Application line item total. Deduct \$3,141 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$4,169 and match \$0.

- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "Mileage Light Equip (FOEM)" – The 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 \$30,150. Deduct \$1,608 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now \$30,150 Grant and \$0 match.
- Equipment Use Expenses #11 "Honda Pioneer" – Contingent line item: The Applicant is reminded Equipment purchased through the Grants Program are not eligible for a use fee. The Applicant must clarify if the Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program. In addition, the Applicant must clarify how the Equipment will be used on the Project.
- Other #4 "Welder & Generator" – Contingent line item: The Applicant must clarify how the welder and generator will be used on the Project.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$995,067

Match: \$384,623

Total Project Cost: \$1,379,690

### **Evaluation Criteria**

- No change.

### **Education and Safety: G24-04-11-S02**

#### **Project Description – Background**

- No change.

#### **Project Description – Project Description**

- Conducting fieldwork within the Land Manager's jurisdiction is an ineligible Project activity as the Applicant failed to submit a valid written permission letter from the Land Manager (Bureau of Land Management Needles Field Office). The Applicant submitted a written permission letter from the Land Manager dated after the preliminary Application submittal, making the letter invalid. The Applicant must remove all fieldwork-related Project activities from the Application.

#### **Project Description – List of Project Deliverables**

- No change.

#### **Project Description – All Others**

- No change.

## **Project Cost Estimate**

- Staff #4 "FOEM Volunteer Project Manager" – "Conducting field visits to ground-truth maps" is an ineligible Project activity as the Applicant did not receive a written permission letter from the Land Manager to perform this activity. The Applicant listed four (4) activities for this line item. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line item by 25%. Deduct \$2,015 match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$6,046.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "Jeep Use for Field Check" – "Conducting field visits to ground-truth maps" is an ineligible Project activity as the Applicant did not receive a written permission letter from the Land Manager to perform this activity. Applicant must remove the line item. Deduct \$3,618 from the Grant.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Jeep Mileage" – "Conducting field visits to ground-truth maps" is an ineligible Project activity as the Applicant did not receive a written permission letter from the Land Manager to perform this activity. The Applicant must remove the line item. Deduct \$2,111 from the Grant and \$1,809 from the match.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Administration" – The Applicant has now exceeded the 15% maximum allowable. Deduct \$50 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$8,950 and match \$5,000.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$101,950

Match: \$37,906

Total Project Cost: \$139,856

## **Evaluation Criteria**

- #3 – The Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #5 – The Project Description section does not support the selection of "Dune Buggy". The Applicant did not provide additional information on how the vehicle type will be addressed in this Project. Deduct 1 point.
- #7 – The narrative does not support the selections of "Process of researching issues and audience" and "Evaluation of the Project process". The Applicant did not provide identifiable and/or measurable elements to substantiate the selections. Deduct 4 points.