

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Friends of El Mirage's Factual Findings

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.

General Evaluation Criteria:

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

Ground Operations: G26-04-11-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

- Contract #7 "Visitor Map - Cartography & Design" – Applicant did not adequately address Division comment. Line item must be removed.
- Equipment Use #3 "Fuel - Heavy Equipment" – Applicant may not claim fuel for the auger truck but must utilize a per mile rate. Applicant must move cost and verbiage related to the auger truck to Equipment Use Expense #1 without increasing the line item total.
- Equipment Use Expense #4 "4x4 Auger Truck" – An auger mounted on a truck no longer constitutes claiming a Heavy Equipment use rate; therefore, the rate has been reduced to \$150 per day. Deduct \$22,050 from match. Revised total is now Grant \$0 and match \$13,500.
- Indirect Costs – Due to deductions, Applicant no longer meets the 26% match requirement. Move \$15,804 from Grant to match. Additionally, Applicant no longer meets the 15% allowable amount. Deduct \$38 from Grant and \$13 from match. Revised totals for Indirect Costs are Grant \$97,403 and match \$18,491.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$870,030

Match: \$305,687

Total Project Cost: \$1,175,717

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – Project Description does not support the selection of “Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use” and “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty.” Applicant did not provide example(s) of Ground Disturbing Project activities being performed that support the selections. Deduct 2 points.
- #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selections of “Barrier materials...” and are made with recycled materials. Deduct 1 point.

Restoration: G26-04-11-R01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- A reminder for all Restoration Projects: Any activities or costs associated with identifying, evaluating, or initiating restoration at new sites are not eligible in this Grant cycle. Under CCR §4970.11(f)(1), Restoration Projects must include defined Deliverables tied to a known site, and CCR §4970.09(b)(5) prohibits funding for future or undefined work. Applicants must apply under the Restoration Planning category to develop new sites or return in the next Grant cycle with a fully defined restoration scope and remove all related language and costs.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #2 – Applicant did not respond to the Division comment. If awarded, Applicants must include the anticipated number of monitoring efforts for each Project Area listed under Section D: “Size of the Specific Project Area(s).”

Project Description – All Others

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- Contracts #3 "Trail Monitor" – Quantity of hours appears excessive. Applicant identified in Equipment Use Expenses #1 "4x4 Vehicles - Vehicle Use Operations" that vehicle use expenses associated with Project Deliverable #2 would be 153 days (15% of 1018 days). The position associated with this line item calls for 2,600 hours of work for tasks that exclusively require the use of a 4x4 vehicle in the field. Based on the standard 8-hour workday, that would total to 325 days during the duration of the Project. Therefore, the quantity of days for this position is reduced to 153 days (1,224 hours) to match the identified vehicle use needed to complete this task. Deduct of \$50,912 from the Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$45,288.
- Contracts #5 "Archaeologist" – Applicant is reminded that activities or costs related to identifying, evaluating, or initiating restoration at new sites are not eligible in this Grant cycle. Activities to complete cultural surveys and clearances at site listed in the Project Area are eligible. It is unclear if this line item is solely for new incursions

or past sites; the line item is reduced by 50%. Deduct of \$38,220 from the Grant. The revised line item is now Grant \$38,220.

- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Auger Truck - Vehicle Use Operations" – The auger mounted on the truck is no longer considered Heavy Equipment; therefore, the rate has been reduced to \$150 per day. Deduct \$14,700 from the match. The revised total for this line item is now match \$9,000.
- Equipment Use Expenses #3 "Heavy Equipment Fuel" – The auger mounted on the truck is no longer classified as Heavy Equipment. Therefore, the Applicant cannot claim fuel costs for the auger truck and must instead apply a per-mile rate. If awarded, the Applicant must update the line item to reflect a per-mile charge without increasing the total amount of the line item.
- Equipment Use Expenses #4 & 5 – Applicant is reminded that Transportation Mileage must reflect only the miles traveled between the vehicle yard and the Project site. Operations Mileage must reflect only the miles traveled within the Project Area to perform Project activities. Applicant is reminded that these two mileage categories may not overlap or duplicate the same miles. Please ensure that Transportation and Operations mileages are clearly separated and compliant with OHV Grants regulations.
- Any Indirect Costs – After the deductions made by the Division, the Applicant has exceeded the 15% maximum allowable for Indirect and must deduct \$12,765 from the Grant in any line item. Following the deduction of the Indirect Costs, the Applicant no longer meets the required 11% - 25% match range for the Project and must deduct and reclassify \$838 from the Grant to match in any line item. The revised line total for the Indirect category is now Grant \$114,022 and match \$838.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$879,758

Match: \$108,738

Total Project Cost: \$988,496

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Narrative does not support the selection of "Bodies of water." The identified water bodies are several miles from the proposed Project Area and will not be adversely impacted if the Project fails to be funded. In addition, the narrative does not support the selection of "Soils - Potential for mass wasting." Applicant did not provide adequate information demonstrating how soil mass wasting would be adversely impacted if the Project fails to be funded. Deduct 5 points.
- #4 – Narrative does not support the selections of "Incorporation of universally recognized Best Management Practices" and "Educational signage." Applicant did not clearly explain how these elements would be incorporated into the Project to ensure successful implementation. Deduct 4 points.

Education & Safety: G26-04-11-S01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- Project Deliverable #2 – “Social media campaign...” and “Website will report...” are not supported by the Project Description. Applicant must revise the Project Description or remove the activity.

Project Description – All Others

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- Contracts #2 "Social Media Campaign" – Applicant is reminded that weekly social media posts must contain content related to educational OHV rider safety. 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.
- Materials / Supplies #1 "Brochure - Lakebed Safety Rules Notes: PD#: 3" – 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. In addition, per regulation 4970.08(10)(B) Applicant is reminded that all products produced through the Grants program must be distributed for free and cannot be sold for profit.
- Materials / Supplies #2 "Safety Equipment" – Applicant removed the costs associated with the line item, but not the notes section. Applicant must remove the language associated with the line item.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 “4x4 Pickup Truck” – Applicant must clarify what “educational activities” will be performed by the Educational Representative while using the truck.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Uniform" – Applicant removed the costs associated with the line item, but not the notes section. Applicant must remove the language associated with the line item.
- Indirect Costs #3 "Supervision" – Applicant did not respond to Division comment justifying the duties for the line item. Line item must be removed. Deduct \$2,340 Grant. Revised line item total is \$0.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$50,733

Match: \$19,019

Total Project Cost: \$69,752

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #5 – Project Description and/or Background do not support the selections. Deduct 4 points.
- #7 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Objectives and outcomes”; no outcomes are listed. Deduct 2 points.
- #9 – Narrative best supports "1,000 to 10,000". Deduct 1 point.

Education & Safety: G26-04-11-S02

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 #3 "BLM Management" – Applicant did not sufficiently clarify the amount of hours being requested. QTY of hours is reduced to reflect the combined hours of Staff #1 & 2. Deduct 20 hours. Revised line item total is now \$2,000 match.
- Equipment Use Expenses #3 "4x4 Vehicle - Operations Mileage" – Applicant did not respond to Division comment justifying the duties for the line item. Line item must be removed. Deduct \$979 Grant. Revised line item total is \$0.
- Match – Due to deductions, Applicant no longer meets the minimum match requirement. Move \$1,053 from Grant to match.
- Indirect Costs – Due to deductions, Applicant has now exceeded the allowable 15% Indirect maximum. Deduct \$56 match.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$92,960

Match: \$32,662

Total Project Cost: \$125,622

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #4 – Background and/or Project Description does not support the selection of 'San Diego Off-Road Coalition'. Deduct 2 points.
- #6 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant did not clearly indicate how the stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project. Deduct 1 point.
- #7 – Narrative does not support the selection of "Process of researching issues and audience," "Objectives and outcomes," "Testing process to ensure outcomes are effective," "Evaluation of the Project process," and "Evaluation and feedback received from Project participant." Deduct 10 points.
- #9 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant did not provide the number of individuals directly exposed to the message. '1,000 to 10,000' better supports the question. Deduct 1 point.