

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program BLM – Barstow Field Office’s Preliminary Application Comments

Comments submitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual Grant Applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the Applicant within the competitive Grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific Applicant does not ensure successful results for the Applicant within the competitive Grant process or a commitment of funding.

Failure by the Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary Application may be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant’s final Application.

All final Applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for Law Enforcement Projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- No comment.

Education & Safety: G25-01-04-S01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No comment.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- No comment.

Ground Operation: G25-01-04-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #8 – Applicant must clarify what “scheduled educational talks” is, as it appears to be an Education & Safety activity.

Project Description – All Others

- Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in areas and/or miles – Both the Applicant and Friends of El Mirage are proposing Ground Operations activities on BLM – Barstow Field Office managed land. Applicant needs to clarify how they will ensure no duplication of services.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 & 4 – Line item Rate appears excessive compared to similar Projects. Applicant must provide additional details to justify Rate.
- Contracts #2 “Vault Toilet Cleaning” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined. In addition, Applicant must clarify the source of match.
- Materials / Supplies “Fencing Material” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Motor Grader Rental” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify the need for motor grader rental for 12 months compared to the quantity of routes being maintained. In addition, Applicant must provide the weekly rental rate. Applicant is reminded that the rental rate selection should result in cost savings for the State.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2-5 – Applicant must clarify specifically how the Equipment will be used on the Project.
- Others #2 “Gooseneck Trailer” – Applicant requested a “Gooseneck Trailer” in the previous year’s Application as well as its Recreational Trails Program (R24) Application. Applicant must clarify whether it purchased, or intends to purchase, this trailer and/or need to purchase a similar type of equipment in this year’s Application.

Law Enforcement: G25-01-04-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Applicant is advised that patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreational activities is not eligible for Project activities as they do not have an OHV nexus.
 - For example, patrolling for the following is not eligible: trespassing, illegal camping, marijuana growing sites, vandalism, target shooting, illegal firearms, dumping, campfires, lost hikers, homeless, and burglary.
- Item #4 – Applicant must clearly define the planned number of officers dedicated to OHV patrol, outline the number of days allocated for patrol (per week, considering weekdays, holidays, etc.), and rank of personnel assigned to patrol duties.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- No comment.