

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program BLM – Bishop 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.

Ground Operation: G25-01-05-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must provide an accurate approximation and/or clarify which of the “2299 miles” of OHV legal roads will receive non Ground Disturbing maintenance within this proposed Project that are not already covered in the R24 RTP Project. Monitoring appears to be duplicative of mileage already being completed.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1, 3 & 4 – Line item “Quantity” (QTY) significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in QTY as Applicant was not awarded a Grant in the previous year’s Grant cycle.
- Staff #2 “Visitor Center Technician – Seasonal” – It is unclear how many hours the staff member will be working the visitor center and in the field. Applicant must clarify in the notes how the Quantity (QTY) was determined based on percentage of OHV interaction at the visitor center and time working in the field.
- Staff #4 “Civil Engineering Technician” – “Planning and preparation” appears to be an indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must explain how this activity directly supports the Project or move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category. In addition, “ground disturbing route repair work in the OHV campgrounds” is not identified in the Project Description or List of Project Deliverables sections. Applicant must remove the verbiage for this activity and any associated costs. Lastly, Applicant must update Project Deliverable #4 to include “water system maintenance”.
- Staff #8 "GIS Technician" – Line item “Quantity” (QTY) appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the QTY.
- Contracts #1 "Pumping and Trash Services" – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost. In addition, Applicant must clarify how the cost was determined.
- Materials / Supplies #1-4 – Applicant's notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. The cost did not increase compared to last year's Application.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Tools and Maintenance Supplies” – “Tool boxes” and “organizational items” are considered indirect as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move this line item to the Indirect costs category.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “Personal Protective Equipment”– “Hand warmers” and “thermal cold weather protection”, and “protective footwear” are considered indirect as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move this line item to the Indirect costs category.
- Material / Supplies #5 "Trafx Counters" – Line item appears to be an indirect item as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must explain how this item directly supports the Project or move the verbiage for this activity and its associated cost to the Indirect Cost category.
- Other #2 "Cargo Trailer Maintenance" – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.
- Indirect Costs #2 "UTV Maintenance" – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.

Law Enforcement: G25-01-05-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – “...events and partners...”, Applicant must provide details identifying these activities and what percentage of these activities make up the Project.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #6 – Applicant must provide additional details identifying curriculum used to train personnel in natural and cultural resource protection.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “Law Enforcement Rangers” – Applicant must breakout OHV duties performed, number of hours on the Project, and how it arrived at the rate of compensation for overtime hours in a separate line item.
- Staff #2 & 3 – Applicant must clarify what “monitoring, ground truthing and notetaking” mean and how they are direct functions of a Law Enforcement Project. Report writing is indirect and duties associated with that process are as well.

Restoration: G25-01-05-R01

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

- Staff #2 “Law Enforcement Officers” – Applicant has also applied for a Law Enforcement Project in the proposed Project Area. Applicant must clarify that there will be no duplication of services between the two Projects and identify the methodology used to ensure this.
- Staff #5 “Resource Technician” – Applicant has also applied for a Ground Operations Project in the proposed Project Area. Applicant must clarify that there

will be no duplication of services between the two Projects and identify the methodology used to ensure this.

- Staff #6 "Resource Specialist" – Applicant has also applied for a Ground Operations Project in the proposed Project Area. Applicant must clarify that there will be no duplication of services between the two Projects and identify the methodology used to ensure this.
- Contracts #1 "Green House Staff" – Applicant must clarify the source of the match.
- Materials / Supplies #3 "Personal Protective Equipment" – "Hand warmers" are considered an indirect expense because it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move the verbiage for this item and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Indirect Costs" – Applicant must clarify what "other vehicle use" is, as it appears to be associated with the Equipment Use Expense category. Applicant must clarify whether or not these vehicle(s) will be directly used in the completion of the proposed Project (e.g., transporting staff to the Project Area). If so, Applicant must move these vehicle(s) and the costs associated with them to the Equipment Use Expense category. If moved to the Equipment Use Expense Category, Applicant must identify the types of vehicles being used, how the cost for each vehicle was determined, and clarify whether or not they were acquired through the Grants Program