

# **2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program**

## **BLM – Ridgecrest Field Office’s Preliminary Application Comments**

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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).

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### **General Evaluation Criteria:**

- No comment.

### **Education & Safety:G25-01-15-S01**

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

- Applicant should ensure the Background is accurate and precise. Applicant must move language related to this specific Project to the Project Description section. In addition, Applicant must remove language pertaining to "State Parks" as well as clarify what "camp contacts" and "rider contacts" mean as it appears to be a Law Enforcement activity.

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

- No comment.

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

- #2 – Applicant must provide additional information on "BLM Officers and Recreation Staff will provide camp contacts..." as it appears to be a Law Enforcement activity.
- #9 – The activities listed are not a unique Education deliverable. Applicant must remove this Project deliverable and integrate the listed activities into another Project deliverable, where these activities will be executed to accomplish that deliverable.

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

- OHV Safety, Environmental Responsibility, and Respect Private Property - 4970.13(f)(6) (Education Projects ONLY) – Applicant must provide additional information on how the Project is providing education on OHV Safety, environmental responsibility and respect for private property.

### **Project Cost Estimate**

- Staff #1 "Law Enforcement Ranger" – Applicant must provide additional details to justify the duties as it appears to be a Law Enforcement activity.
- Staff #2 "Recreation Staff" – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
- Staff #3 "Volunteers" – Applicant must justify the need of volunteers as it was not incorporated in the Project Description section.
- Materials / Supplies #1 "Brochures/Handouts" – Applicant must clarify that the line item will not overlap with the G25 Ground Operations and Law Enforcement Applications. In addition, Applicant must provide additional information to support the methodology for the QTY, Rate, and UOM.

## **Ground Operation: G25-01-15-G01**

### **Project Description – Background**

- No comment.

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

- "In the event that cultural or paleontological resources are discovered during... restoration activities" is considered a Restoration Project activity and is ineligible for a Ground Operations Project. Applicant must remove any Restoration activities and all associated costs from the Application.

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

- No comment.

## **Project Description – All Others**

- Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles – Applicant must remove reference to the entire size of the Land Manager’s Projects Area found in the first paragraph and accompanying bullet points. Applicant must only include the Project Area in the section.

## **Project Cost Estimate**

- Staff 2 "Heavy Equipment Operator" – Line item "Quantity" (QTY) increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in QTY as the Project's size and scope decreased from the prior year's Application.
- Staff #4 "Recreation Branch Chief" – Applicant must clarify what "running logistics for... Moose Anderson Days" activities involve as they appear to be for a fundraising event.
- Staff #8 "Volunteers" – Applicant must clarify if "Moose Anderson Days" is a fundraising event.
- Materials / Supplies #3 "CXT Supplies" – Applicants notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. The line item rate must match the narrative.
- Materials / Supplies #5 "Jawbone Visitor Center Door replacements" – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined and provide actual cost.

## **Law Enforcement: G25-01-15-L01**

### **Need Assessment**

- Item #1 – "...Law Enforcement Staff also provides emergency response assistance to EMS personnel and Search and Rescue resources responding to medical incidents...", Applicant is reminded such activities must have an OHV nexus to be eligible under an OHV Law Enforcement Grant.
- Item #3 – Applicant must provide additional detail estimating the number of shifts per officer during the Project Performance Period.
- Item #4 – Applicant must outline the number of days allocated for patrol per week, considering weekdays, holidays, weekends, etc. during the Project Performance Period.

### **Needs Enforcement Certification**

- No comment.

### **Project Cost Estimate**

- Staff #1 "Staff-Chief Ranger" – Job duties are administrative. Applicant must move the line item to the Indirect Cost category.
- Materials / Supplies #1 "Dirt Bike Operator Training" – Applicant must provide a cost breakout for each law enforcement ranger attending the training and identify

the training resource being used to deliver the training. Additionally, Applicant must move line item to the Others category.

## **Restoration: G25-01-15-R02**

### **Project Description – Background**

- No comment.

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

- Applicant must clarify what “popped up” means for the statement specific to Jawbone-Butterbredt ACEC. In addition, Applicant must provide additional information if the Jawbone-Butterbredt ACEC and Red Mountain subregion Project area is solely to restore the areas impacted by unauthorized OHV use back to their natural resource conditions, or if it is to assess the impact of these unauthorized OHV areas on natural resources with the intent to further develop them into expanded OHV opportunities. Therefore, Applicant is reminded to re-evaluate the Project and remove any activities/costs associated with any Planning Activities, as regular Planning is not covered by this Application. Applicant is advised to move these activities and the cost associated with a Planning Project. Lastly, the Applicant must clarify what they mean by the term “kids tracks” and define the acronyms for both “ACEC” and “EA” as it is not clear what these acronyms stand for.

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

- No comment.

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

- No comment.

### **Project Cost Estimate**

- No comment.