

2024 (G24) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Sierra National Forest'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.

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 4 points.
- #6 – The Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.

Ground Operations: G24-02-17-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

- Staff #1 "Bass Lake (BL): OHV Manager" – The Applicant did not provide additional details to justify the cost increase. The Applicant is allowed a 15% increase from the prior year's Application line item total. Deduct \$6,827 from Grant and \$2,399 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$55,999 and match \$8,688. In addition, the Applicant did not clarify if training is occurring in the field as on-the-job training and is considered an indirect activity.

The Applicant must remove this activity. The Applicant listed fourteen (14) Project activities for this line item. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line-item total by 7%. Deduct \$3,351 from Grant and \$1,177 from match (could not move the cost to the Indirect Costs category as Project is over the allowable 15% maximum indirect amount). The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$52,648 and match \$7,511.

- Staff #4 "High Sierra (HS):OHV/OSV Manager (GS9)" – The Applicant did not provide additional details to justify the cost increase. The Applicant is allowed a 15% increase from the prior year's Application line item total. Deduct \$7,181 from Grant and \$2,523 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$56,268 and match \$8,674.
- Staff #7, 8, 12, 14, & 15 – The Applicant's notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. "Rate" and/or costs did not increase from previous year's Application.
- Materials / Supplies #6 "Forest–Handtool Replacement" – The Applicant removed "small portable air compressors" from the line item but did not reduce the line item total. The Applicant listed ten (10) items for this line item. Removing one (1) item reduces the line-item total by 10%. Deduct \$320 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$2,880 and match \$0. Equipment Use
- Expenses #1 "Forest–NonFleet Vehicle OHV Accs/Upgrade" – Repairs on Grant purchased Equipment outside of the equipment manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule are considered indirect activities as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Deduct \$7,250 from Grant (could not move the cost to the Indirect Costs category as Project is over the allowable 15% maximum indirect amount).
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Grant purchased OSV upgrades/Accessories" – Repairs on Grant purchased Equipment outside of the equipment manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule are considered indirect activities as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Deduct \$4,500 from Grant (could not move the cost to the Indirect Costs category as Project is over the allowable 15% maximum indirect amount).
- Equipment Use Expenses #6 "Light to heavy Equip or accessory rental" – Applicants revised notes only support rental of "skid steer" costs of \$3,737. Deduct \$111 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$3,737 and \$0 match.
- Equipment Purchases #2 "Stand behind mini loaders" – The Applicant did not provide sufficient justification for acquiring this item, especially considering that two stand–behind skid steers were purchased in the previous year's Application. Additionally, the Applicant did not explain the necessity of purchasing three of these items and outline how the cost was determined for each item. The Applicant must remove the line item. Deduct \$31,500 from Grant.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Overhead" – The Applicant has now exceeded the 15% maximum for Indirect Costs. Deduct \$8,666 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$100,334 and \$0 match.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$769,227

Match: \$287,468
Total Project Cost: \$ 1,056,695

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – The narrative does not support the selection of "Providing varied levels of riding difficulty". The Applicant did not provide examples of Project activities being performed that support the selection. Deduct 1 point.
- #4 – The narrative does not support the selection of "The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in-person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders...". The Applicant did not state how stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project. Deduct 1 point.
- #7 – The Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selection of "Other products with recycled content" as the Applicant states "are given preference" which implies it may not be used. Deduct 1 point.

Development: G24-02-17-D01

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

- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "Fleet Vehicles" – Contingent Line item: The Applicant is reminded that Equipment purchased through the Grants Program is not eligible for a use fee. The Applicant did not clarify if the Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program. The Applicant must clarify in the notes if the Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Forest Heavy Equipment" – Contingent Line item: The Applicant is reminded that Equipment purchased through the Grants Program is not eligible for a use fee. The Applicant did not clarify if the Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program. The Applicant must clarify in the notes if the Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program.

Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – The Background and/or Project Description sections and the narrative for each selection do not support the selections except for 4x4 vehicles (trucks) because those are mentioned in Project Deliverables #1. Deduct 3 points.
- #10 – The narrative does not support the selections. The calendar year for both public and stakeholder meetings is missing. As a result, it is unclear if the Applicant's meeting was held 12 months prior to the preliminary Application. Deduct 2 points.
- #13 – The Background and/or Project Description sections did not support the selections of "Sound", "Runoff", "Wildlife", and "Other". The Applicant did provide additional information on how selections are addressed in the Background and/or Project Description sections. Deduct 4 points.