

2024 (G24) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Tahoe 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: G24-02-20-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 #9 "Nevada Co Woods Riders Match (PD# 1,8)" – The Applicant increased the match request for this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. The line item reverts to the original preliminary Application match request of \$37,320. Deduct \$7,464 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$37,320.

- Staff #19 "TK Truckee Dirt Riders Match (PD# 1,8)" – The Applicant increased the match request for this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. Line item reverts to the original preliminary Application match request of \$11,196. Deduct \$3,732 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$11,196.
- Staff #40 "SV OHV Volunteers" – The Applicant increased the match request for this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. The line item reverts to the original preliminary Application match request of \$5,598. Deduct \$1,866 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$5,598.
- Equipment Use Expenses #31 "AR Moto/ATV/Snowmo Routine Maintenance" – The Applicant removed "tire replacement" activities from the line item but did not reduce the line item total. The Applicant listed three (3) items for this line item. by removing one (1) item. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line-item total by 33%. Deduct \$1,254 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$2,546 and \$0 match.
- Equipment Use Expenses #37 "TK/SV Moto/Snowmo Routine Maintenance" – Applicant removed "tire replacement" activities from the line item but did not reduce the line item total. The Applicant listed three (3) items for this line item. by removing one (1) item. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line-item total by 33%. Deduct \$792 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$1608 and \$0 match.
- Equipment Use Expenses #41 "YR Motorcycle/Routine Maintenance" – Applicant removed "tire replacement" activities from the line item but did not reduce the line item total. The Applicant listed three (3) items for this line item. by removing one (1) item. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line-item total by 33%. Deduct \$578 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$1,172 and \$0 match.
- Equipment Use Expenses #46 "TNF Program Mngr MC Routine Maintenance" – Applicant removed "tire replacement" activities from the line item but did not reduce the line item total. The Applicant listed three (3) items for this line item. by removing one (1) item. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line-item total by 33%. Deduct \$99 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$201 and \$0 match.
- Equipment Purchases #1 "TK Medium Sized Dirt Bike" – Cost is excessive. Based on the market rate for this type of Equipment, the allowable cost is \$5,000. Deduct \$3,000 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$5,000 and match \$0.
- Indirect Costs – Applicant has now exceeded 15% of the allowable amount for Indirect. Deduct \$328 from Indirect Grant. In addition, the Applicant does not meet the minimum 26% match requirement for the Project. Move \$7,572 from Grant to match. The revised total for Indirect Costs category is now Grant \$56,164 and match \$80,572

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$967,743

Match: \$340,018
Total Project Cost: \$1,307,761

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 meet with multiple distinct stakeholder groups at a meeting hosted by the Applicant. Deduct 1 point.

Planning: G24-02-20-P01

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 #12 "Staff–Botany Crew" – The line item is duplicative of Staff #8 "Botany Crew (Temp GS7) 2 ea". The Applicant must remove the line item. Deduct \$2,192 from the Grant.
- Indirect Costs – Applicant has now exceeded the 15% maximum allowable. Deduct \$188 from Grant and \$66 from the match. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$7,112 and match \$534.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$58,088

Match: \$22,066

Project Cost: \$ \$80,154

Evaluation Criteria

- #6 – The narrative only supports the selection of "Knuckles Up Side X Side Club". Individuals are not considered organizations, so they do not qualify as partners. In addition, Nevada County received funds for a Project within the designated Project Area, so they are not eligible as a partner. Deduct 3 points.

Planning: G24-02-20-P02

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 #4 "Forest heritage program manager" – The Applicant increased the match request for this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. The line item reverts to the original preliminary Application match request of \$5,720. Deduct \$2,503 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$5,720.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Admin Salary" – The Applicant does not meet the minimum 26% match requirement for the Project. Move \$1,785 from Grant to match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$1,640 and match \$1,785.
Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$79,974

Match: \$28,100

Total Project Cost: \$108,073

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – The narrative does not support the selection of "Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses." The information provided did not provide sufficient clarity on how the Planning Project will address the selection. Deduct 0 points.

- #7 – The narrative did not support the selection of "Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity". The Applicant did not provide a detailed explanation of the statement checked. Deduct 6 points.

Development: G24-02-20-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

- Contracts #1 "China Wall SA Expansion" – Contingent Line item: Applicant stated that removal of existing toilet was being removed by descriptor is still included in line item. The Applicant must revise note.

Evaluation Criteria

- #7 – The Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selection. The Applicant did not provide additional information that at least 50% of the Project uses sustainable technologies in the Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections. Deduct 5 points.
- #8 – The Project does not support the selection of "Project directly improves or sustains existing OHV Opportunity". The Project supports the selection of "Project improves support facilities..." as the Project is to expand a staging area. Deduct 1 point.
- #9 – The Project is not eligible for this question as the Project does not improve or create a new trail that provides motorized access. The Project is to expand a staging area. Deduct 6 points.

Development: G24-02-20-D02

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

- Others #2 "Chainsaws" – Cost is excessive. The Applicant requested two chainsaw of \$2,000 per year. The Applicant must reduce the request to one chainsaw per year. Deduct \$6,000 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$6,000 and match \$0.
- Indirect Costs – Applicant has now exceeded the 15% maximum allowable. Deduct \$609 from the Grant and \$214 from the match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$4,379 and match \$44,786.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$332,147

Match: \$120,803

Total Project Cost: \$452,950

Evaluation Criteria

- #10 – The narrative does not support the selection of "The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders...". Applicant did not meet with multiple stakeholders nor clarify how stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project. Deduct 1 point.
- #13 – The Background and/or Project Description sections and the narrative do not support the selections of "Sound", "Runoff", "Traffic", and "Other". The Applicant did not provide additional information on how these selections are addressed in the Background and/or Project Description sections. In addition, the selection of "Fugitive Dust" is not an eligible selection as the Applicant added it without receiving a Division or Public comment. Deduct 3 points.

Development: G24-02-20-D03

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 #4 "TNF Trails Program Manager (PD # 1)" – The line item is considered an indirect expense as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move the entire line to indirect.
- Contracts #1 "Rubicon Trail Foundation Cash Contr" – The Applicant increased the match request for this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. The Applicant must revert the line item to the original preliminary Application match request of \$34,000. Deduct \$54 from match. The revised total for this line item is now \$34,000 match.
- Indirect Costs – Applicant has now exceeded the 15% maximum allowable. Deduct \$1,753 indirect Grant and \$616 match. The revised total for this line item is now \$4,427 Grant and \$27,687 match.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$218,526

Match: \$78,360

Total Project Cost: \$296,886

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – The narrative does not support the selection of "Provide sanitary facilities". Providing temporary sanitary facilities is not directly related to the Project. Deduct 2 points.
- #4 – The Background and/or Project Description sections do not support the selections of "ATV", "Motorcycle", and "Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV)/Side-by-Side". The Applicant did not provide additional information on how each selected vehicle type will benefit from this Project in the Background and/or Project Description section. Deduct 3 points.

- #10 – 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 stated RTF hosted the meeting, but to get credit for this selection, the Applicant must host the meeting. Deduct 1 point.
- #13 – The Background and/or Project Description sections do not support the selection of "Runoff". The Applicant did not provide information on how the "Runoff" is addressed within this Project in the Background and/or Project Description sections. Deduct 1 point.

Restoration: G24-02-20-R01

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 #5 "TNF OHV Program Manager" – The Project can only have one first-line supervisor position as a direct expense. Staff #1, "AR Public Services Staff Officer," and this position qualifies as a first-line supervisor. Therefore, the Applicant must reclassify this line item to the Indirect Costs category. Deduct \$6,000 from Grant (could not move the cost to the Indirect Costs category as Project is over the allowable 15% maximum indirect amount).
- Indirect Costs – The Applicant has now exceeded the 15% maximum allowable. Deduct \$344 from Grant and \$42 from match The revised category total for Indirect is now Grant \$5,880 and match \$28,958.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$238,134

Match: \$30,458

Total Project Cost: \$268,592

Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – The Project Description section does not support the selection of "Educational signage". The Applicant added additional information in the Project Description. However, informing the public of a closed area does meet the standard of educational signage. Deduct 2 points.
- #7 – The narrative does not support the selection "The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in-person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders...". The Applicant did not clarify how stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project. Deduct 1 point.
- #11 – The Project Description section does not support the selection of "Greater than 10 acres..." of sensitive habitats that will be actively restored within the Project Area. Although the Applicant provided further details on active restoration, they did not specify whether this restoration pertains to sensitive habitats. Deduct 5 points.

Education and Safety: G24-02-20-S01

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

- No change.

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – The Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #5 – The Project Description section does not support the selection of "Snowmobile". The Applicant did not provide additional information on how this vehicle type will be addressed in this Project in the Project Description section. Deduct 1 point.

- #6 – 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 host the meeting. Deduct 1 point.
- #7 – The narrative does not support the selection of "Process of researching issues and audience ". The Applicant did not provide identifiable and/or measurable elements that were conducted prior to the preliminary Application to substantiate the selection. Deduct 2 points.