

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Modoc 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.

General Evaluation Criteria:

- #1d – OHV Opportunity Ratio. Add 2 points.
- #6 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.

Ground Operations: G26-02-45-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 #1-5 – The percentage of staff time dedicated to Project Deliverable #1 is unclear. Applicant must clarify within the line item notes what portion of Staff time will be specifically dedicated to the maintenance of OHV trails and roads. In addition, Applicant must clarify what portion of Staff time is dedicated to monitoring/reconnaissance activities for Staff line items #2, 3 and 5.
- Contract #1 "Modoc County Farm Bureau Labor Contract" – The proposed cost for this line item appears excessive and has increased significantly compared to the prior year's Application. Applicant did not provide a clear explanation of how the contract cost was determined, including the precise scope, location, and amount of trail and/or road work to be conducted expressed in miles. Additionally, Applicant did not submit sufficient supporting documentation with the final Application substantiating the costs claimed. Applicant must reduce the line item total down to reflect that of the previous year. Deduct \$76,591 from Grant. Furthermore, the proposed 1,040 hours for the Archaeology staff position appears excessive when compared to like Projects. The hours requested are more than 7.5 times the average amount of Archaeology hours request this year under the Ground Operations Project category, and Applicant did not provide additional information to justify these costs. The hours for this position will be reduced to 352, reflecting the second-highest number of hours claimed this year for a Ground Operations Project. Deduct

an additional \$19,869 from Grant. Revised totals for this line item are now Grant \$481,151 and match \$0.

- Indirect Costs #1 “Miscellaneous Costs” – Contingent line item. Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the cost for this line item was determined, including the precise scope and amount of work to be conducted. For any staff positions included in this line item, Applicant must utilize the hourly rate and quantity of hours as the unit of measure to clearly demonstrate how the associated costs were calculated. If helpful, Applicant may break this line item out into multiple Indirect Cost line items to clearly identify and separate the various costs. In addition, Applicant must provide additional details regarding the “appropriate training for staff” referenced in this line item, including the type of training to be conducted, the number of staff to be trained, and how the training is directly related to the Project Deliverables. Furthermore, Applicant must further clarify the “OHV accessible recreation site water systems” referenced in this line item and provide a specific list of the locations where these systems are located. Lastly, Applicant has now exceeded the 15% allowable. Deduct \$14,649 from Indirect match. Revised total for Indirect Costs is now Grant \$0 and match \$100,196.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$667,977

Match: \$254,990

Total Project Cost: \$922,967

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use” and “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty.” The Applicant did not provide example(s) of Project activities being performed that support the selections. Deduct 2 points.
- #5 – Narrative does not support the selection. BLM Applegate is not considered a partner as they requested funds for the G26 grant year. It appears there is Project Area overlap based on the narrative. Deduct 2 points.
- #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selection of “Other products with recycled content”. Is it unclear how office materials are incorporated in the Project. Deduct 1 point.