

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - San Bernardino 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 5 points.
- #6 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #11b – Applicant's response mentions 10 OHV Education and Safety presentations, but the Applicant did not have a G24 or G25 Education and Safety project. Deduct 1 point.

Ground Operations: G26-02-14-G01

Project Description – Background

- Applicant must clarify the statement of "759 miles of level 2 roads...". The Forest website states there are "175" and "additional 62 miles of motorized trails are open to vehicles that are under 50 inches wide." It appears the total mileage of 759 consists of maintenance level 3 (ML3) roads, and ML3 roads are closed to OHV use.

Project Description – Project Description

- Applicant must revise the statement "Soil condition ratings will be established on each OHV trail annually, using the Red, Yellow, Green format found in the 2008 state regulations" to ensure compliance with the most current 2020 Soil Conservation Standard and Guidelines.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must clarify the specific stream crossings that will receive class 2 rock hardening treatment. In addition, Applicant must confirm if the "130 miles of roads" and "40 miles" of trail being maintained in the trails contract is included in the work proposed in the first bullet point. i.e. "62 miles of 24"-50" trails and 175 miles of Green Sticker Routes." The total miles of trail and road maintenance is unclear.

Project Description – All Others

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #2 & 3 – Applicant did not confirm if the staff positions were filled prior to the final Application submission. Applicant must remove line items. If the Project is funded, Applicant may choose to submit a Project Cost Estimate reallocation request to reallocate funds to these staff positions at time of hiring.
- Staff #4 "Adopt a Trail and OHV Volunteers" – Contingent line item. The proposed

cost for this line item appears excessive compared to like Projects and the scope of work outlined in the Project Description. Applicant must provide supporting documentation to justify this level of staff time, which shall contain accurate volunteer time recorded over their most recently completed (G24) Ground Operations Project Performance period.

- Staff #5 "Visitor Center Frontline Staff" – Applicant added "VS volunteers" to the line item description without receiving a Division comment. Applicant must remove the verbiage of the additional personnel.
- Contract #3 "Shade Structures" – Applicant's provided contract does not support the line item cost. Deduct \$17,130 from Grant. Revised line item total is now Grant \$72,870 and match \$0.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "Vehicle Use FOR" – Applicant did not adequately respond to the Division's comment. Applicant did not provide a clear explanation of how the cost was determined or demonstrate that it is reasonable relative to the Project Deliverables and number of field staff positions. The Division's review of past Projects found that the Applicant has not claimed more than twelve (12) vehicles in any given Project performance period. Applicant must revise the line item cost and associated verbiage to reflect a maximum of twelve (12) vehicles. Deduct \$70,320 from match. Revised line item total is Grant \$0 and match \$49,680.
- Equipment Purchase #1 "Enclosed ATV trailer" – Applicant must move this line item to the "Others" cost category.
- Indirect #1 "Administration costs" – Applicant must utilize the hourly rate and quantity of hours as the unit of measure. In addition, Applicant has now exceeded the 15% allowable amount. Deduct \$1,834 from Grant.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$637,609

Match: \$393,067

Total Project Cost: \$1,030,676

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – Narrative does not support the selection of "Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use". Applicant did not provide example(s) of the activities performed as part of the Project to support the selection. Deduct 1 point.
- #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. The stakeholder meeting did not include multiple distinct stakeholders. Deduct 1 point.

Restoration: G26-02-14-R01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- A reminder for all Restoration Projects: Any activities or costs associated with identifying, evaluating, or initiating restoration at new sites are not eligible in this Grant cycle. Under CCR §4970.11(f)(1), Restoration Projects must include defined Deliverables tied to a known site, and CCR §4970.09(b)(5) prohibits funding for future

or undefined work. Applicants must apply under the Restoration Planning category to develop new sites or return in the next Grant cycle with a fully defined restoration scope and remove all related language and costs.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No change.

Project Description – All Others

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #4 "Archaeologist Monitor" – Applicant is reminded that activities or costs related to identifying, evaluating, or initiating restoration at new sites are not eligible in this Grant cycle. Activities to complete cultural surveys and clearances at site listed in the Project Area are eligible. It is unclear if this line item is solely for new incursions or past sites; the line item is reduced by 50%. It is unclear if this line item is solely for new incursions or past sites; the line item is reduced by 50%. Deduct of \$11,250 from the Grant. The revised line-item total is now Grant \$11,250.
- Contracts #1 "Conservation Crew" – Based on the Applicant's contract, \$15,238 is allowable for staff, travel, and related expenses. \$3,041 was disallowed for off-hitch staff time, background checks, and orientation/pre-project training. The remaining amount of \$2,947 was approved as indirect costs at the 19.34% rate. In addition, Applicant is also reminded that all non-federal grantees must follow the State of California travel reimbursement policy. Per diem must align with CalHR meal and incidental expense rates, which vary by trip duration, overnight stay, and travel schedule. Deduct of \$6,815 from the Grant. The revised line-item total is now Grant \$18,185.
- Contracts #2 "Invasive species removal" – Applicant reduced the Project Area without reducing the cost associated with it. Reduce the line item by 15%. Deduct \$3,750 from the match. The revised line-item total is now match \$21,250.
- Materials / Supplies #5 "Cultural Site assessment equipment" - Applicant is reminded that activities or costs related to identifying, evaluating, or initiating restoration at new sites are not eligible in this Grant cycle. Activities to complete cultural surveys and clearances at site listed in the Project Area are eligible. It is unclear if this item is solely for a new incursion or an old site, the line item is reduced by 50%. Deduct \$17,000 from the Grant. The revised line-item total is now Grant \$17,000.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Biologist/Botanist" – After the deduction made by the Division, the Applicant has exceeded the 15% maximum allowable for indirect and must deduct \$5,046 from the match. The revised line total is now Grant \$73,800 and match \$3,954.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$839,031

Match: \$447,148

Total Project Cost: \$1,286,179

Evaluation Criteria

- #9 – This Project is not for a scientific or cultural study. Deduct 2 points.