

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Stanislaus National Forest's Factual Findings

The information provided below is the OHMVR Division's 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 3 points.
- #6 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.

Ground Operations: G26-02-19-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

- All Staff Line Items – Due to recent federal staffing reductions, it is unclear whether the staffing levels listed in the Project Cost Estimate are accurate. Applicant must confirm that all staff positions listed in this Application are currently filled.
- Staff #1, 2 & 4 – The percentage of staff time dedicated to Project Deliverable #1 is unclear. Out of the 75% time spent maintaining the OHV areas, Applicant must state how much of the time is dedicated to trail or road maintenance. In addition, Applicant must approximate how many miles and locations Staff #4 will cover. Applicant must clarify separate the hours by Ranger District in the notes.
- Staff #6 “Volunteer” – Applicant increased the match for this line item without receiving Division comment. Line item must revert back to the Preliminary Application request. In addition, Applicant must approximate how many miles and locations this position will cover. Applicant must separate the hours by Ranger District in the notes. Deduct \$15,655 from match. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$100,350.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$373,410

Match: \$148,350

Total Project Cost: \$521,760

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty.” Applicant did not provide examples of Project activities being performed that support the selection. Deduct 1 point.

Development: G26-02-19-D01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #2 - Applicant shall remove the Project Deliverable as it is not necessary to include it within the list of deliverables.

Project Description – All Others

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- Materials / Supplies #1 "Prefabricated, double stall CTX" – Applicant created a new line item without receiving a public or Division comment. Applicant must return cost and add new language to the original line item.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2c – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant did not sufficiently provide the name and date of the supporting reference document. Deduct 10 points.
- #4 – Project Description section does not support the selections. Installing a new vault toilet does not provide for diversified OHV use. Deduct 3 points.
- #8 – Project does not support the selection. Project better supports 'Project improves support facilities associated with existing OHV Opportunity'. Deduct 1 point.

Restoration: G26-02-19-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 #1 “Recreation Technician” – Applicant increased the Grant request for this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. The line item reverts to the original preliminary Application Grant request of \$0 Grant and match \$1,400 without increasing the current line item. Deduct \$1,400 from the Grant to match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$1,400.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$13,400

Match: \$3,440

Total Project Cost: \$16,840

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant did not identify at least one archeological and/or historical resource identified within either the California Register of Historical Resources or the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, the Mokelumne River and Stanislaus Meadow are several miles from the proposed Project Area. Therefore, any sensitive areas, species, or natural resources associated with these locations will not be adversely impacted if the Project fails to be funded. Furthermore, Applicant did not provide adequate information on “Soils-Potential for mass wasting.” Deduct 20 points.
- #4 – The Project Description section and the narrative do not support the selections of "Construction of barriers and other traffic control devices" and "native plants and materials." Applicant did not provide adequate details in the Project Description or the narrative to support the selections. In addition, Narrative does not support the selection of "Educational signage." Applicant did not provide detailed explanation to ensure successful implementation. Deduct 6 points.
- #8 – Project Description, Project Background, and the Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the Applicant's partnerships. Deduct 1 point.
- #11 – Project Description does not support "Greater than 10 acres..." of sensitive habitats which will be actively restored within the Project area. Deduct 5 points.