

2024 (G24) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Valley Outdoors'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 2 points.
- #4 – The Applicant's information does not match the Land Manager's response. Deduct 3 points.
- #5 – First time Applicant and/or past Applicant with no active Grant Projects within the last two years. Deduct 5 points.
- #6 – First time Applicants and/or past Applicants with no active Grant Projects within the last two years. Add 2 points.
- #7c – The Applicant's response does not match the Land Manager's response. Deduct 5 points.
- #8b – The Applicant's response does not match the Land Manager's response. Deduct 5 points.
- #11a – The Applicant's response does not match the Land Manager's response. In addition, the Applicant did not provide details to support how both selections address safe and responsible OHV Recreational practices. Deduct 10 points.
- #12 – The narrative does not support the selection. The Applicant's website is not live. Deduct 5 points.

Ground Operations: G24-04-04-G01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- The Applicant must confirm the size of the Project Area as it is inconsistent to the area described in the "Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s)..." section. The Applicant states, "14 miles of road...in the Mammoth and Deadman routes" and "Little Antelope Valley 22 miles of road..." but in this section, the Project is a

"forest-wide Ground Operations Maintenance and repairs project". The Applicant must clarify the Project Area(s) to ensure consistency within the Application and the correlating expenses in the Project Cost Estimate.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No change.

Project Description – All Others

- Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles... – The Applicant must clarify how they will ensure no duplication of services with the United States Forest Service – Inyo National Forest (Land Manager) who has also applied for a Ground Operations Grant within the proposed Project Area.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 "Volunteer hours" – The Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
- Contracts #1 & 2 – Use of Equipment is not considered contracts. The Applicant must move this line item to the Equipment Use category. In addition, the Applicant must describe the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project. Furthermore, the Applicant is reminded that Equipment not purchased through the Grants Program is not eligible for regular maintenance expenses.
- Materials / Supplies #5 "PPE" – The Applicant did not clarify how the materials and supplies "Rate" was determined. The line item is reduced by 50%. Deduct \$1,600 from Grant and \$900 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$900 and match \$1,600.
- Others #1 "Diamond C 10,000 lbs dump trailer" – The Applicant increased the Grant and match request for this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. The line item reverts to the original preliminary Application Grant request of \$14,500 Grant and \$0 match. Deduct \$512 from Grant and \$1,200 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$14,500 Grant and \$0 match.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$110,700

Match: \$79,220

Total Project Cost: \$189,920

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – The narrative does not support the selections. The Applicant did not provide example(s) of Project activities being performed that support the selections. Deduct 8 points.
- #3 – The narrative does not support the selection of "Maintaining trails that provide for multi-use". The Applicant did not provide examples of Project

activities being performed that support the selection. In addition, the Project Description and/or deliverables sections do not support the selection of "Providing varied levels of riding difficulty". The Applicant did not clarify its explanation as the Project does not appear to include the maintenance of trails for varied levels of difficulty. Deduct 6 points.

- #4 – The narrative does not support the selections. The Applicant did not clarify whether the discussion of the Project was a separate discussion topic from Bishop BLM and INF and provide the number of participants that attended the public meeting. In addition, the Applicant did not clarify whether the stakeholder meeting discussion of the Project was a separate discussion topic from Bishop BLM and INF. In addition, the Applicant did not clarify whether any stakeholders attended the meeting and how stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project. Deduct 2 points.
- #6 – The narrative does not support the selections. The Applicant did not provide example(s) of the activities performed in the Project that support the selections. In addition, the Applicant did not list a special-status species the work being accomplished is protecting. Deduct 4 points.
- #7 – The Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selections of "Erosion control features...", "Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content" and "Other products with recycled content" are made with recycled materials. Deduct 3 points.
- #8 – The Background and/or Project Description sections do not support the selections. The Applicant did not provide information that supports the selections. The Applicant states non-motorized recreational opportunities within Mammoth & Mono Districts but does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project Area pertaining to trail maintenance (ground-disturbing activities). Deduct 6 points.