

BLM - Palm Springs South Coast Field Office

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the applicant's application.

Please note: If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #7b – Narrative does not support response “At least 5 days per week”.
- #8b – Narrative does not support response “5 to 19 times per year”. Only onsite education efforts are eligible for credit.
- #8d – Narrative does not support response “4-17 times per year”. Need to identify how often the ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved training courses are provided to the public.
- #9 – Applicant must verify response.
- #11b – Need reference document with date.
- #13 – Narrative does not support “At least 25% but less than 50% of holidays and weekends”. It is not clear if the sound testing is being conducted.
- #14 – Narrative does not support checked item “Has engaged in collaborative processes with agencies that manage OHV Opportunities”.

Ground Operations - NECO Route Signing FY 2013	G11-01-13-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Other-OHV Coordinator” is an Indirect Cost. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #3 – Need more detail for “Maintaining trail or road tread” and “Installing or repairing erosion control features”. • #3 – Narrative does not support checked item “Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc.)”. • #4 – Need date(s) for the “Conference call(s) with interested parties” and “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. Also, need to identify the stakeholders and interested parties. • #5 – Need to identify how each partner organization will directly participate in the project. • #8 – Narrative does not support a “Yes” response. 	

Ground Operations - South Coast Signing FY 2013	G11-01-13-G02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Other-OHV Coordinator” is an Indirect Cost. • Staff – “Other-Natural Resource Specialist” - Need to identify how this position relates to the project. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #3 – Need more detail for “Maintaining trail or road tread” and “Installing or repairing erosion control features”. • #3 – Narrative does not support checked item “Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc.)”. • #4 – Need date(s) for the “Conference call(s) with interested parties” and “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. Also, need to identify the stakeholders and interested parties. • #5 – Need to identify how each partner organization will directly participate in the project. • #8 – Narrative does not support a “Yes” response. 	

Ground Operations - Desert Tortoise Landscape Surveys and Monitoring	G11-01-13-G04
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Need to identify how the following positions directly relate to the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Other-Grant Coordinator (State Office)” ▪ “Other-USGS Ecologist” ▪ “Other-USGS Bio technician” ▪ “Other-USGS Sr. Scientist” ▪ “Other-Sr. Statistician” ▪ “Other-USGS Mapping spec” ▪ “Other-Staff-BLM Wildlife Biologist” ▪ “Other-coordinator” ▪ “Other-USGS Large Plot Monitoring” • Materials / Supplies – “Other-Supplies & Materials” - Need to provide more detail. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative conflicts with the Project Description. Project Description does not support checked items “Loss of OHV Opportunity”, “Negative impact to cultural sites”, or “Damage to special status species...”. • #3 – Narrative conflicts with the Project Description. Project Description does not support checked items “Providing traffic control...” and “Maintaining multi use...”. • #4 – Need date(s) for “Conference call(s) with interested parties” and “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. Also, need to identify how the project was developed with public input. • #5 – Activities identified for the partner organization “Desert Tortoise Council Tortoise” do not appear to be project related. • #5 – “United States Geological Society” and “James Weigand” are paid contractors for this project and therefore may not be claimed as a partner organization. • #6 – Narrative conflicts with the Project Description. Project Description does not support checked items “Maintaining physical barriers...”, “Protecting water quality”, “Protecting special-status species”, and “Protecting cultural site(s)”. • #7 – Project Description does not support checked items “Barrier materials...”, “Signs, sign posts...”, and “Paper used for trail maps...”. • #8 – Narrative does not support a “Yes” response. • #9 – Project Description does not support checked items “Camping”, “Hiking”, “Birding”, or “Other-Wildlife Viewing”. 	

Ground Operations - Sonoran Desert Thorn Woodland Bird Monitoring in OHV Recreation Areas	G11-01-13-G05
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Other-BLM CASO OHV Program Manager” is an Indirect Cost. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support checked item “Damage to special status species...”. • #4 – Need date(s) for “Conference call(s) with interested parties” and “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. Also, need to identify how the project was developed with public input. • #5 – Identify the acronym “PRBO” and identify how each partner organization will directly participate in the project. • #5 – “Jim Weigand” is an individual and a paid contractor for this project, therefore may not be claimed as a partner organization. • #6 – Narrative does not support checked item “Protecting special-status species”. • #9 – Project Description does not support checked items “Camping”, “Hiking”, or “Birding”. 	

Planning - NRCS Soil Survey for the Meccacopia SRMA	G11-01-13-P01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – Activities of “Other-NRCS State Soil Data Quality Speci”, “Other-NRCS Technical Editor”, “Other-NRCS State Range Ecologist”, and “NRCS Manuscript Editor” appear they would be included in the contract “Other-Contract with the NRCS California” - provide more detail. Contracts – ‘Note’ section appears to be incomplete - use Project Description section to provide more detail. Materials / Supplies – “Misc Supplies to support Program” is an Indirect Cost. Materials / Supplies – “GPS field units” and “Tablets and Docking Stations”, appears these items would be included in the contract “Other-Contract with NRCS California” or already available from the Field Office. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #2 – Narrative does not support response to “Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats”, “Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality”, “Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses”, and “Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trail closures, appropriate uses, etc.”. #3 – Project Description does not support checked items “Camping”, “Hiking”, and “Birding”. #4 – Need date(s) for “Conference call(s) with interested parties” and “Meeting(s) with stakeholders” Also, need to identify interested parties and stakeholders. #5 – Narrative does not support a “Yes” response. #6 – “USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service” is a paid contract for this project, and “Jim Weigand” is an individual and a paid contractor for this project, and therefore may not be claimed as a partner organizations. Also, the “BLM Palm Springs / South Coast Field Office” is the applicant and the applicant may not claim themselves as a partner organization. #7 – Narrative does not support checked items “Project will develop management plans...”, “Project will complete environmental review...”, and “Project supports development of OHV Opportunities...”. #8 – Narrative and reference document does not support a “Yes” response. #9 – Narrative does not support response a “Yes” response. 	

Restoration - Big Morongo Planning	G11-01-13-R02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C – Clarify the size of the planning area (i.e., size of Blind Canyon, Long Canyon, and Little Morongo Canyon). 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Activities provided for “OHV Coordinator” appear to be Indirect Costs. Explain role of “OHV Coordinator” and how it directly relates to the project. • Staff – “Other-OHV Supervisor” appears to be an Indirect Cost. Explain role of “OHV Supervisor” and how it directly relates to the project. • Staff – Activities provided for “Other-Volunteers” do not appear activities related to the project. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Project Description does not support checked items. The project involves only planning for restoration. • #3 – Narrative does not support response. The project involves only planning for restoration. • #4 – Project Description does not support checked items. The project involves only planning for restoration. • #6 – Response conflicts with explanation provided in Project Description item A. • #7 – Identify interested parties and stakeholders. Also, provide date(s) of “Conference call(s) with interested parties” and “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. • #8 – Activities provided for partner organizations do not appear to be related to the project. • #10 – Narrative does not support a “Yes” response. • #11 – Narrative does not support response. The project involves only planning for restoration. 	

Restoration - Willow Hole Fence	G11-01-13-R03
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Other-OHV Supervisor” appears to be an Indirect Cost. Explain role this staff will perform and how it directly relates to the project. • Staff – “Other-Wildlife Biologist” - need is not clearly explained and appears excessive. Explain role this staff will perform and how it directly relates to the project. • Staff – “Archeologist” – need is not clearly explained and appears excessive. Explain role this staff will perform and how it directly relates to the project. • Staff – “Other-Maintenance Lead” - need is not clearly explained and appears excessive. Explain role this staff will perform and how it directly relates to the project. • Staff – “Other-Civil Engineer” appears to be an Indirect Cost and appears excessive. Explain role this staff will perform and how it directly relates to the project. • Staff – “Other-Maintenance Worker” appears excessive. Explain role this staff will perform and how it directly relates to the project. • Staff – “Other-LE Ranger” is listed twice - appears to be a duplicate. Also, appears excessive. Explain role this staff will perform and how it directly relates to the project. • Staff – “Other-OHV Supervisor” appears to be an Indirect Cost. Explain role this staff will perform and how it directly relates to the project. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support checked items “Domestic water supply” and “Stream or other watercourse”. • #3 – Project Description does not support response. • #4 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate does not support checked items “Use of native plants and materials”, “Educational signage”, and “Identification of alternate OHV routes...”. • #7 – Identify interested parties and stakeholders. Also, provide date(s) of “Publicly noticed meeting(s)...”, “Conference call(s) with interested parties” and “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. • #8 – Narrative does not support response “4 or more”. Activities provided for partner organizations are not confirmed or are not directly relates to the project. • #10 – Narrative does not support a “Yes” response. 	

Law Enforcement - FY13	G11-01-13-L01
Needs Assessment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide additional information related to the percentage of OHV Law Enforcement time spent in Arizona jurisdiction. 	
Law Enforcement Certification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Pay rates appear excessive for “Supervisor”, “Law Enforcement Officers “, and “Sergeant”. Provide additional information (i.e., rate(s) for overtime, straight/regular rate(s), benefits(s), etc.). • Staff – “Other-OHV Coordinator” appears to be an Indirect Cost - provide additional information. • Equipment Purchases – Cost for each “Other-Motorola APX-7000 portable radios” appears excessive. Provide more information and justification. 	

Education & Safety - Palm Springs BLM Outreach	G11-01-13-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Other-OHV Grant Coordinator” is an Indirect Cost. • Staff – More information needed how “Park Ranger” and “Ranger” staff are directly related to the project. • Staff – “Park Ranger” and “Ranger” positions are listed twice/appear to be duplicate - provided more information. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Applicant must verify response. • #4 – “Park Rangers” are individuals and are compensated in the project, therefore, they do not qualify as a partner organization. • #6 – Narrative does not support checked items “Publicly noticed meeting(s)...” and “Conference call(s) with interested parties”. It is not apparent the project was developed with public input. • #7 – Narrative does not support checked item “Process of researching issues and audience”. • #8 – More information is needed on the attendance for each event claimed. 	

Education & Safety - Palm Spring Jr. Ranger Program	G11-01-13-S02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – “Other-OHV Grant Coordinator” appears to be an Indirect Cost. Explain role of this staff and how it directly relates to the project. Materials/Supplies – Provide more information for “Other-Uniforms”. The need for these items is not clear. How are the requested uniforms different from the regularly issued BLM uniforms? 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #2 – Applicant must verify response. #4 – Activity of “promote this program to the public” identified for “Friends of Desert Mountains” and “US Forest Service” is not directly related to the project. “Tread Lightly” does not qualify as a partner organization since only Tread Lightly material will be purchased for the project and they will not actively be participating in the project. “National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council” does not appear to be a participant in the project. #6 – Narrative does not support checked items “Publicly noticed meeting(s)...”, “Conference call(s) with interested parties”, and “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. Identify “interested parties” and “stakeholders”. It is not apparent the project was developed with public input. #7 – Narrative does not support checked items “Objectives”, “Plan to implement the Project”, and “Evaluation and feedback of the process”. #8 – Narrative does not support response “Greater than 10,000”. #9 – Narrative does not support response “Greater than 2 hours”. #10 – Narrative does not support checked items “Hands on learning”, “Formal class setting”, “Outreach booths/Exhibits”, “Advertising...”, and “Interpretive talks...”. #11 – Narrative does not support a “Yes” response. Are visitor staff ASI trained instructors? Additional information needed. 	