

**BLM - Needles 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.

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.

**For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities, Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).**

**For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding.**

**General Evaluation Criteria**

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must provide the cost of their OHV Program based on the most recent complete fiscal year and provide dates to the reference documents.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify responses.

Ground Operations - Route Signing & Monitoring

G13-01-12-G01

**Project Description**

- A – "Personal & Public Safety includes: desert safety...covered in the new employee orientation..." are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust Project Description and Project Cost Estimate appropriately.
- C – Clarify the size of the Project Area (OHV routes) in miles.

<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “Program Field Supplies” – Applicant must provide more detail about this line item.</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “Program Field Hardware” – Applicant must provide more detail about this line item.</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “Shop Supplies” – Applicant must provide more detail about this line item.</li> <li>• Equipment Purchases – “Re-decking Heavey Equipment Traile” – Applicant must provide more detail about this line item.</li> </ul>

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #3 – “Providing varied levels...” is not supported in the Project Description.</li> <li>• #4 – Applicant must provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s)</li> <li>• How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held</li> <li>• Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders</li> </ul> </li> <li>• #5 – Clarify clean ups &amp; maintenance activities performed by Sierra Club will be performed in the OHV riding areas.</li> <li>• #5 – Activities performed by the Society of the Protection and Care of Wildlife: “...monitors and maintains closed administrative only routes leading to wilderness...” are not eligible activities under a Ground Operations project.</li> <li>• #6 – Explanation does not support the checked item “Protecting water quality”.</li> <li>• #7 – “Barrier materials...”, “Erosion control features...”, “Paper used for trial maps...”, and “Other products (Office &amp; Fencing Supplies)” are not supported in the Project Description.</li> </ul>

Planning	G13-01-12-P01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant must clarify if cost recovery from permit applicants will be used in the permitting process for the events indicated.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – “Resources Staff/Recreation Staff” – Applicant must identify staff positions, duties, and rates.</li> <li>• Others – “Travel” – Applicant must describe how travel is directly related to this Planning project.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2b – Narrative does not provide a detailed explanation for each statement that was checked.</li> <li>• #3 – Planning project for NEPA only, does not support selections.</li> </ul>	

- #4 – Applicant must provide the following information:
  - Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s).
  - How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held.
  - Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders
- #5 – Narrative does not identify stakeholders or provide a detailed explanation of how each stakeholder will provide substantial input in this planning project.
- #6 – Narrative does not list each partner organization separately or provide a detailed explanation on how each partner will participate in this planning project.
- #7 – Planning project for NEPA only, does not support selections.

Law Enforcement	G13-01-12-L01
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Needs Assessment
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- #4 – Last year’s project indicated one Field Ranger position was vacant. It is unclear if this position still vacant, applicant must clarify the status of this position.

Law Enforcement Certification
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- #4 – Confirm Special Recreation Permits are/are not required for special events.

Project Cost Estimate
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- Staff – “Law Enforcement Officers” – Applicant must provide additional detail and breakdown of staffing.
- Materials / Supplies – “Misc. Supplies” – Applicant must provide more detail to those items listed in ‘Notes’ for: “OHV Supplies”, “Ranger Supplies”, “Vehicle Equipment”, “Communication Equipment”, “Electronics Equipment”, and “Other Materials” and explain the need.
- Materials / Supplies – “Emergency Locator Beacon Service” – Applicant must explain the need for this line item.
- Materials / Supplies – “LE Vehicle Equipment” – Applicant must explain the need for this line item.
- Materials / Supplies – “UTV Accessories” – Applicant must explain the need for this line item.
- Equipment Purchases – “Portable Radio” – Applicant must provide more detail for this line item and explain the need since two mobile radios were requested in last year’s project.

Education and Safety	G13-01-12-S01
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Project Description
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- No comment.

## Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – All line items – Applicant must provide further information regarding all line items.
- Contracts – All line items – Applicant must provide further details to justify all costs.
- Materials / Supplies – “Misc. Program Supplies, Aids, & Ma, Plotter Roll Paper, Plotter Ink 7 Toner” – Applicant must provide additional details regarding the need for these items.
- Equipment Use Expenses – All line items – Applicant must provide additional details as to how these are related to the project.
- Equipment purchases – “Projector” – Applicant must provide additional details about this line item and identify the need.

## Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Narrative does not support response. Needles Rotary and Friends of Ivanpah project activities provided do not appear to be related to the project.
- #6 – Applicant must provide the following information:
  - Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s)
  - How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held
  - Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders
- #7 – Narrative does not support process of researching, objectives or testing of the process selections.
- #8 – Narrative does not support ‘Other’ selection. In addition, the Interpretive talks do not appear to be OHV related.