

**BLM Ridgecrest 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**

- #1c – Applicant must cite date of reference document.
- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response and provide the cost of their OHV Program based on the most recent complete fiscal year.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #11b – Narrative does not support “20 to 49 times per year” of onsite education efforts.
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify response.

Ground Operations

G13-01-15-G01

Project Description

- No comment.

<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contracts – “Toilet Cleaning” – Appears excessive. Applicant must clarify frequency of toilet cleaning (conflict in ‘Notes’ “...<u>weekly</u> cleaning and stocking of 10 toilets...” and “1 Year for 10 Vault Toilets with an estimated <u>80 visits</u>”).</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “Signs/Trail Markers/Kiosks” – Appears excessive. Applicant must provide more detail and clarify how many kiosks.</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “GPS Units”, “Software for Trimble Units”, and “TRAF-X Counters” – Applicant must justify the need for these line items.</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #3 – “Installing or repairing erosion...” and “Providing varied levels...” are 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, and</li> <li>– Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• #5 – Activities performed by the Quails Unlimited: “...upkeep of guzzlers on BLM lands...” are not related to the project and are not eligible.</li> </ul>

Restoration	G13-01-15-R01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A – Applicant is advised, “tours with the public”, is not an allowable cost under a restoration project.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contracts – “Restoration Crew”, appears excessive. Applicant must provide detailed information on how costs were determined.</li> <li>• Contracts – “Restoration Intern”, appears excessive. Applicant must provide detailed information on how restoration intern costs were determined, and how “...outreach event and training...”, duties are directly related to the project.</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “3 Tablet Computers”, “...along with that the tablets will be used for tours with the public...” Tours with the public are not an allowable cost under a restoration project.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #4 – Narrative does not support the selection, “identification of alternate OHV routes ...”</li> <li>• #7 – Applicant must verify the following: <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> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held, and
- Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders.
- #10 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant has not resolved the underlying problem prior to this application.

Law Enforcement	G13-01-15-L01
Needs Assessment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment.</li> </ul>	
Law Enforcement Certification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment.</li> </ul>	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses - Provide the number and types of vehicles included in the line item.</li> </ul>	