

American Conservation Experience

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.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #1c – Narrative provided does not match the response by the Land Manager. Applicant must verify response and provide the name and date of the reference document.
- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify responses.
- #4 – Narrative provided does not match the response by the Land Manager. Applicant must verify response and provide the cost of the Land Manager's OHV Program based on the most recent complete fiscal year.
- #7c – Narrative does not match the response by the Land Manager and does not support selections.
- #8b – Narrative does not match the response by the Land Manager and does not support selection.
- #11a – Narrative does not match the response by the Land Manager and does not support selections.

- #11c – Narrative does not match the response by the Land Manager and does not support selection.
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify responses.
- #14 – Applicant answered in error. Only Applicants or Land Managers with NO legal riding opportunities should respond to this question.

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Project Description

- A – The need for stipends was not addressed. Stipends are normally allocated for spiking out. Applicant must identify the purpose of the stipends.
- A – Off-site outreach events are not an eligible activity under a restoration project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate by 10%.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – “Restoration Crew Members-stipends”, stipend costs are excessive compared to other agencies with similar activities. Applicant must adjust costs to a maximum of \$160.00 a week per person.
- Staff – “Technical Supervisor”, duties are unclear. Applicant must provide additional details as to how this position relates to the project.
- Staff – “Housing Coordinator”, is considered an indirect cost. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect category.
- Staff – “Food Shopper”, is considered an indirect cost. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect category.
- Staff – “Fringe Crew”, is unclear. Applicant must provide additional details justifying why volunteers are receiving vacation and sick leave benefits. This is not a common practice.
- Staff – “Fringe Housing Coordinator”, is considered an indirect cost. Applicant must move the cost to the Indirect category.
- Staff – “Fringe Technical Supervisor”, is considered an indirect cost. Applicant must move the cost to the Indirect category.
- Staff – “Fringe Food Shopper”, is considered an indirect cost. Applicant must move the cost to the Indirect category.
- Staff – “Operations Director”, duties are unclear. Applicant must provide additional details as to how this position relates to the project.
- Staff – “Fringe Operations Director”, may be considered an indirect cost.
- Contracts – BLM Staff duties are unclear. Applicant must provide additional details as to how positions relates to the project.
- Materials/Supplies “Fuel”, the “Qty” and “Rate” are unclear as the length of the project is 72 weeks. Additional details are needed such as the rate per mile, length of program, etc...
- Materials / Supplies – “First Aid Supplies”, are considered indirect costs. Applicant must move the costs to the Indirect category.
- Materials/Supplies – “Camp supplies” and “Camp equipment”, the need for these types of equipment/supplies are unclear. Applicant must justify the

- need for the items including the type of supplies and equipment needed.
- Materials/Supplies “Staff Vehicle”, the “Qty” and “Rate” are unclear as the length of the project is 72 weeks. Additional details are needed.
 - Materials / Supplies – “Crew Uniforms”, are considered indirect costs. Applicant must move the costs to the Indirect category.
 - Others – “Travel-Vehicle wear and tear”, cost appear excessive. Additional details are needed to justify the costs.
 - Others – “Project crew food”, the “Qty” and “Rate” are unclear as the length of the project is 72 weeks. Additional details are needed.
 - Others – “Satellite Phone”, the need for this phone is unclear. Additional details are needed.
 - Others – “Crew Housing”, the need for housing is unclear because camping gear is being requested. Additional details are needed to justify the need.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Narrative does not support “Archeological and historical resources ...” The archaeological sites and cultural resources are not identified and it is not clear if the archeological sites and cultural resources referenced are identified in the California Register of Historic Resources or the National Register of Historic Places.
- #2 – Narrative does not support “stream or other water course”. Applicant must identify the watercourse.
- #2 – Narrative does not support “Soils – site actively eroding”. It is unclear if the soils are actively eroding.
- #2 – Narrative does not support “Sensitive areas”. Applicant must identify the 3 sensitive habitat areas.
- #6 – Narrative does not support “Applicant’s or Land Manager’s operational budget”. How can the applicant guarantee funding will be available for future operational costs?
- #7 – Narrative does not support “meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders”. Applicant must identify the date of the meeting, the participants of the stakeholder meeting and how the participants are stakeholders to the project.
- #10 – Narrative does not support the underlying problem was resolved prior to this application.
- #11 – The project description does not support more than 10 acres of sensitive habitat will be restored within the Project Area.