

BLM Barstow 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

- #1 – Dates cannot be in the future.
- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #8b – Narrative does not support “50 or more per year”. Only onsite education efforts are eligible for credit.
- #8d – Narrative does not support ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation training classes are provided to the public “18-29 times per year”.
- #9 – Applicant must verify response.
- #14 – The narrative does not support “Has engaged in collaborative processes with agencies that manage OHV Opportunities”. Applicant must identify agencies that manage OHV Opportunities.

Ground Operations - Barstow

G12-01-04-G01

Project Description

- A – Applicant must explain how “OHV planning” activities are related to the project.
- A – “Permits and special use authorizations” are cost recovery activities and are not eligible. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- A – “...California OHV Commission” is not a correct reference. The OHMVR Commission did not lay out guidance for trend monitoring. The correct reference may be the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division 2008 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Regulations (Rev. 1/12).

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – “Other-GS 5/7 Park Ranger” – ‘Restoration’ activities are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Staff – “Other-Engineering Tech” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item.
- Staff – “Other-ORP OHV” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item.
- Staff – “Other-OHV nonmotorized” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item.
- Staff – “Other-Project Manager” appears to be an Indirect Cost. Applicant must provide additional information about this line item.
- Staff – “Other-Budget” is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Staff – “Other-Procurement” is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Staff – “Other-Information Management Inter” is an Indirect Cost. Rate appears excessive, applicant must explain rate amount.
- Equipment Use Expenses – Applicant must clarify “Contract for Road Base” does not include the two line items for “Equipment Rental” and the “Water Truck”.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Narrative does not support the checked items.
- #5 – Applicant must clarify if the “Student Conservation Association” and “Hammer King Productions” will be paid for activities performed for this project. If they will be paid, they may not be claimed as a partner organization. Additionally, activities associated with racing events, such as trail marking and event cleanup, are not eligible.
- #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting water quality” and “Providing bridges instead of wet crossings...”. The bridge already exists.
- #8 – Narrative does not support substantial use of sustainable technologies.

Ground Operations - Dumont	G12-01-04-G02
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Project Description

- A – Applicant must explain how “OHV planning” activities are related to the project.
- A – “Permits and special use authorizations” are cost recovery activities and are not eligible. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- A – “...California OHV Commission” is not a correct reference. The OHMVR Commission did not lay out guidance for trend monitoring. The correct reference may be the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division 2008 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Regulations (Rev. 1/12).
- A – “...light restoration work..” activity is not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust cost estimate accordingly.

Project Cost Estimate	
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- Staff – “Other-GS 5/7 Park Ranger” – ‘Restoration’ activities are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust the quantity accordingly.
- Staff – “Other-ORP OHV” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item.
- Staff – “Other-Project Manager” appears to be an Indirect Cost. Applicant must provide additional information about this line item.
- Staff – “Other-Budget” is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Staff – “Other-Procurement” is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Materials / Supplies – “Other-Fuel for Generators and Heaters” – Applicant must move this line item to the ‘Equipment Use Expenses’ category.
- Equipment Use Expenses – Applicant must confirm if “Other-generator” is a rental. Additionally, applicant must clarify quantity, rate, and UOM are correct.

Evaluation Criteria	
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- #4 – Narrative does not support “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. – Applicant must identify the stakeholders.
- #5 – “Dumont Dunes Sub Group” is not eligible as a partner organization.
- #5 – Applicant must clarify if the “Student Conservation Association” will be paid for activities performed for this project. If they will be paid, they may not be claimed as a partner organization.
- #6 – Explanation for “Protecting special-status species” indicates “...law enforcement patrols...”. This activity is not eligible under a Ground Operations project.
- #6 – Explanation for “Providing sanitary facilities” indicates “...twenty vault toilets...”. This conflicts with the number of toilets indicated in the Project Description which states “...16 vault toilets”.
- #8 – Narrative does not support substantial use of sustainable technologies.

Planning - Razor	G12-01-04-P01
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Project Description	
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- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate	
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- Staff – “Field Office Staff” (second line item) – Applicant must explain the difference in the rate with the first line item, and identify the position/title and duties for each.
- Staff – “Other-Law Enforcement” is not eligible under a Planning project.

- Staff – “Management Staff” is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Staff – “Other-Volunteers” – Activities, as stated does not appear related to a Planning project. Additionally, quantity of hours appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional information about this line item and how the activities are directly related to the project.
- Others – “Postage” is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must move this line item to the ‘Indirect Costs’ category.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2b – Narrative does not support the selections.
- #4 – Narrative does not support “Meetings with stakeholders”. Applicant must identify more than one stakeholder.
- #6 – Narrative does not explain how each partner will participate in the project.
- #7 – Narrative does not support the selections.
- #8 – Narrative does not identify the funding source. Additionally, the reference document is not appropriate.
- #9 – Narrative does not support the selection.
- #10 – Narrative does not support the selection.

Law Enforcement - Barstow	G12-01-04-L01
Needs Assessment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Law Enforcement Certification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Law Enforcement Officers” – Applicant must provide additional detail and breakdown of staffing. 	

Education and Safety - Barstow Education	G12-01-04-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must clarify “monitoring” and how it is directly related to an Education and Safety project. Additionally, applicant must clarify how “hazmat” training is necessary and directly related to the project. 	

Project Cost Estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials/Supplies – “Other-Tread Lightly, NOHVCC Materials sh” – Description has been cut-off. Applicant must provide additional information about this line item. • Others – “Training” does not appear to include all training listed in the Project Description. Applicant must provide additional information about this line item.
Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Applicant must verify response. • #6 – Narrative does not support “Conference call(s)…” – Applicant must identify the interested parties. Additionally, applicant must provide the specific date(s) of call(s). Note, these meeting(s) must be a separate meeting from the “Publicly noticed meeting(s)” and “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. • #9 – Narrative and Project Description does not support response. • #10 – Narrative does not support the selections “Formal class setting” or “Internet classes”. • #11 – Project Description does not support response.

Education and Safety - Barstow Safety	G12-01-04-S02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Resource monitoring” and “maintenance” activities are not eligible under an Education and Safety project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Park Ranger” appears to be a duplicate line item. Applicant must provide additional information. • Staff – “Other-Spread among multiple positions” appears to be a duplicate line item. Applicant must provide additional information. • Materials / Supplies – “Emergency Medical Supplies” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item. • Equipment Use Expenses – “Vehicle Operations and Maintenance” – Costs appear excessive. Applicant must provide additional information about this line item. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Applicant must verify response. • #4 – Narrative does not support response. Applicant must explain how each partner organization will directly participate in the project. • #6 – Narrative does not support response. Applicant cannot use itself or its committees as a stakeholder. Additionally, applicant must identify more than one stakeholder. 	