

California Trail Users Coalition

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 – Date of a reference document provided is in conflict with dates provided in #1a. Applicant must state which land manager data represents.
- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify responses.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response. Applicant must state which Land Manager the data represents.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #8b – Applicant must state which Land Manager the selection and narrative represents. Applicant must provide dates of reference documents.
- #9a&b – Applicant must state which Land Manager the selections and narratives represent.
- #11a&b – Applicant must state which Land Manager the selections and narratives represent.
- #12a&b – Applicant must state which Land Manager the selections represent.

- #13 – This question is to address the Applicant's OHV outreach efforts, not the land manager's efforts.

Ground Operations - Sequoia	G14-04-06-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials/Supplies – Backpacks – Applicant must provide additional information regarding the need of this item. • Materials/Supplies – Safety Equipment, First Aid Kits – This is an indirect cost. Applicant must adjust line item accordingly. • Materials/Supplies – Low Impact Trials tires – Applicant must provide additional information to justify the need for this item. • Materials/Supplies – Drink Systems – This is not an allowable cost. Applicant must remove this line item from the Cost Estimate. • Equipment Use Expenses – Equipment Rental (Motorcycle) – This cost is excessive in comparison to other similar Grant Applications. Applicant must provide additional information to justify the cost. • Equipment Use Expenses – Equipment Rental (Vehicle) – Applicant must provide additional details as to the type of vehicle being used. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support “Negative impact...”, “Damage to special-status...” or “Additional damage...” selections. • #3 – Project Description does not support “Maintaining multi use” or “Providing varied levels...” selections. • #4 – Narrative does not support response. The Applicant did not initiate or conduct the stakeholder(s) meetings. • #5 –The applicant must list each partner organization(s) separately and provide a detailed explanation for how each partner(s) will participate in the project. In addition, it is unclear how BLM Bakersfield will be a part of this project which occurs only in the Forest. • #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting cultural site(s)” selection. • #7 – Project Description does not support “Paper used for trail maps...” selection. 	

Ground Operations - Sierra	G14-04-06-G03
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	

Project Cost Estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – All line items – Applicant must provide additional information as to why all rates of pay have increased over last year. • Staff – Senior Maintenance Worker – This line item appears duplicative from the other Senior Maintenance Worker position. Applicant must provide additional details regarding both positions to explain the need. In addition, the rate for the second worker is excessive. Applicant must explain why the rate of pay is so much higher for this position. • Equipment Use Expenses – Support haul vehicle – Applicant must provide additional details regarding this line item including type of vehicle. • Equipment Use Expenses – Secondary pickup rental – Applicant must provide additional details regarding this line item including type of vehicle.
Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #4 – Narrative does not support “meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders”. Applicant must identify the date(s) of the meeting(s), the participants of the stakeholder meeting(s) and how the participants are stakeholders to the project. • #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting cultural site(s)” selection.

Ground Operations - Temblors	G14-04-06-G05
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total grant request appears excessive for the project and in comparison to similar projects. Applicant must provide additional details in regards to the costs associated with the project. • Staff – Maintenance Worker – This cost is excessive. Applicant must provide additional details as to why the equivalent of one full time and one half time position are necessary. In addition, this line item appears to have both paid and volunteer time included. Applicant must split paid and volunteer time between different staff line items. • Contracts – Kiosks – This is not mentioned in the Project Description. Applicant must provide additional details regarding this contract. • Materials/Supplies – Brown Signs – This cost appears excessive in comparison to line items from last year. Applicant must provide additional details and explain the increase in cost for signs. • Materials/Supplies – Red Signs – Placing red signs is a Restoration activity and is not eligible under Ground Operations. • Materials/Supplies – Sign – SHOOTERS – Placing these signs is not an eligible Ground Operations activity. • Equipment Use Expenses – 4x4 Toyota Truck – This cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details. 	

- Equipment Use Expenses – Fuel – A water truck does not seem necessary for the project as the project does not include maintenance. Applicant must adjust line item accordingly.
- Equipment Use Expenses – Repairs & Maintenance – The applicant is already charging for vehicle use and mileage. Repairs and Maintenance of vehicles are not allowed.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Narrative does not support any selections. The narrative appears to be for a different BLM Field office and is not for this project.
- #3 – Project Description only supports “Providing traffic control...” selection.
- #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 to the project.
- #6 – Narrative does not support any selections. The narrative is not for this project.
- #7 – Project Description only supports “Signs, sign posts...” selection.
- #8 – Project does not support any selections.

Ground Operations – Sierra
Responsible Riders

G14-04-06-G06

Project Description

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – Project administrator – The duties listed in this line item are indirect costs.
- Materials/Supplies – PPE for trail workers, First Aid Kits, First Aid Items – These are indirect costs. Applicant must adjust line item accordingly.
- Equipment Use Expenses – personal vehicle usage – Volunteer mileage is not an eligible cost.
- Others – Insurance – This is an indirect cost.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Narrative does not support “Negative impacts...” or “Damage to special-status species...” selections.
- #3 – Project Description does not support “Providing traffic control...”, “Maintaining multi use...” or “Providing varied levels...” selections.
- #4 – Applicant must identify how the participants are stakeholders to the project.

- #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting special-status species” or “Protecting cultural site(s)” selections.

Education and Safety – Mobile Map Apps	G14-04-06-S02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project activities appear to mirror and duplicate that of similar OHV Education project(s) being proposed by other applicant(s) in the same area. Applicant must verify the proposed activities are not duplicative of other requests. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #5 – Project Description does not support selections. • #7 – Narrative does not support “Plan to implement the Project” selection. • #8 – Narrative does not support “Interpretive talks, rides, events” selection. 	