

Restoration - Questions and Answers

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<p>1. The Catalina Island Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Catalina Island has an invasive weed problem which corresponds to routes used by 4WD vehicles (e.g. Jeep tours, Hummer tours, and hunting expeditions). These routes are not public roadways but access is available by permit. Could OHV Grant funds be used to eradicate invasive weeds spread by 4WD vehicles on these restricted paths/roadways?</p>	<p>Authority for the OHV grant program, comes in part from California Vehicle Code Section 38001. Which limits grant funding to:</p> <p><i>“...lands, other than a highway, that are open and accessible to the public...”</i></p> <p>The lands identified in the question do not meet this requirement and would not be eligible to be repaired with OHV grant funding.</p>
<p>2. The Friends of Jawbone is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that cooperates with BLM Ridgecrest to perform trail maintenance on OHV trails in the Jawbone area. A portion of this trail work involves construction of barriers and installation of signage to prevent OHV use on unauthorized trails. Would these activities be separate from our Operations and Maintenance grant request?</p>	<p>Signs and barriers are eligible project costs under several different OHV grant project types. The determining factor is the deliverable to be achieved with the barriers and signage. If the deliverable to be achieved by a proposed project is a restored habitat, then the associated costs would be eligible under a Restoration project.</p>
<p>3. Can a National Forest apply for a Restoration Planning grant to fund the NEPA work and the implementation phase, of a Restoration project?</p> <p>If the NEPA work for a restoration project was completed prior to the start of the project performance period, can the costs associated with the NEPA work be used for agency match?</p>	<p>Yes. The Applicant has the flexibility to apply for: a <u>Restoration Planning</u> project to accomplish <u>only</u> the pre-construction elements of a proposed Restoration project (i.e., NEPA, design), or a phased Restoration project that includes the pre-construction activities as phase I and the implementation phase of the proposed Restoration project as phase II.</p> <p>No. Costs associated with the NEPA work accomplished prior to the project performance period would not be an eligible project cost for match or reimbursement.</p>