

Southern California Mountains Foundation

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 on project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #1a – Dates provided do not appear to be most recent. Previous year's application listed later dates.
- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #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. "Y" is not a valid response.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #11b - Narrative does not support "50 or more times per year" of onsite education efforts.
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify responses.

Restoration	G14-04-02-R01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “OHV Volunteers”, it is unclear if these volunteers are the same volunteers identified in the San Bernardino National Forest restoration project. Additional details are needed to support these volunteers are working solely on this project. • Materials/Supplies – “Soil and Nursery supplies”, how are these supplies different than the supplies the San Bernardino National Forest is requesting for the same native plant nursery? • Materials/Supplies – “Tablet for monitoring’, appears excessive. Additional details are needed to support the costs. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – “Sensitive areas”, based on applicant’s selection, at least three sensitive areas must be identified in the narrative. • #2 – “Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species” based on applicant’s selection, at least three T&E species must be identified in the narrative. • #2 – “Other special-status species”, based on applicant’s selection, at least three special-status species must be identified in the narrative. • #6 - Based on past history of the applicant, the combination of OHV Trust Funds and operating budget appear to be the most appropriate response. • #7 - Narrative does not support selections made. Applicant must identify how the public was notified of the meeting and how the participants of the stakeholder’s meetings are stakeholders to the project. • #8 – Applicant must identify, separately, how each partner organization will participate in the project. Additionally, the San Bernardino National Forest cannot be claimed as a partner if they conducting the same activities in their proposed restoration project. • #10 – Narrative does not support the underlying problem was resolved prior to this application. 	

Education and Safety	G14-04-02-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Education Outreach Coordinator”, it appears the Education Outreach Coordinator’s job duties contain administrative functions that would be considered an indirect cost. Applicant must provide additional detail. • Materials / Supplies – “3. Tools and Safety Equipment”, Applicant must provide a list of items contained in this expense. • Equipment Use Expenses – “1. Mileage Reimbursement”, Applicant must identify the make and model of the vehicle being supported by this expense. Additionally, Applicant must address the discrepancy between the mileage rate being used as a UOM and the expense narrative box. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #4 – Applicant must list each partner organization(s) separately and explain how it and its partners will work together on its proposed project. • #5 – Selections are not addressed in the Project Description; “Dune buggy, rail”. Applicant must provide additional detailed information substantiating this selection. • #6 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must indicate the date of when the public meeting was noticed and how the listed stakeholders are actual stakeholders for this project. 	