

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program BLM – Eagle Lake Field Office’s Preliminary Application Comments

Comments submitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) 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.

Failure by the Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary Application may be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant’s final Application.

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).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant’s data appears to be inaccurate; “Estimated budget \$800,000, with grant expenditures of approximately \$280,000 used in FY25 and....” Applicant must confirm the total cost of the agency’s OHV program including Grant funds and operational budget for the most recent complete fiscal year.

Ground Operation: G25-01-08-R01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No comment.

Project Description – All Others

- Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles – Applicant must clarify the Project Area(s) to ensure consistency with the Project Description and List of Project Deliverables.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #6 “Resource Specialists” – Line item “Quantity” (QTY) increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in QTY.
- Materials / Supplies #1 & 2 – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Facility Replacement” – Applicant must specify the number of “fire rings” and “sign bases” being purchased and adjust line item cost accordingly.
- Equipment Use Expenses #4, 5 & 7 – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. The line item Quantity and Rate need to be updated to match the line item notes.
- Equipment Use Expenses #8 – “Dirt Bike Maintenance” – Applicant must clarify number of dirt bikes requiring maintenance as Application Equipment Inventory shows Applicant owns four (4) Grant purchased dirt bikes.
- Others #2 “Outsourced Labor” – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.

Law Enforcement: G25-01-08-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #3 – Applicant must provide additional detail estimating the number of shifts per officer during the Project Performance Period.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #1 – Applicant must reference the names of geographical areas being patrolled with high priority OHV Law Enforcement needs.
- #3 – Applicant is reminded only OHV patrols within the prescribed project area are eligible under an OHV Law Enforcement Grant.
- #6 – Applicant must provide additional details identifying curriculum used to train personnel in natural and cultural resource protection.

Project Cost Estimate

- No comment.

Planning: G25-01-08-R01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No comment.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 "Archaeologist" – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year's Restoration Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
- Staff #2 "Natural Resource Specialist" – Applicant must further clarify the duties and/or activities being completed, as it is unclear.
- Staff #3 & 5 – Job Duties appear duplicative. Applicant must clarify how they are different or remove one of the line items.
- Staff #5 – Applicant must further clarify how the work being completed is related to the Project, as the Project is a Planning Project and cannot contain ground disturbing activity.
- Others #1 "Outsourced Labor" – Applicant must provide additional details to support "Outsourced Labor" as it is unclear how this person relates to the Project, as the Project is a Planning Project and cannot contain ground disturbing work. In addition, Applicant must justify the cost. Lastly, dependent upon Applicant's response, this activity may be moved to Staff or Contracts.
- Others #3 "Travel Fees" – Applicant must clarify the need for an equipment operator and contracted labor for maintenance as the Project is a planning Project and cannot contain Ground Disturbing work.

Restoration: G25-01-08-R01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- Applicant must provide additional information if the proposed Project activities are solely to restore the areas impacted by unauthorized OHV use back to their

natural resources conditions, or if they are to assess the impact of existing legal OHV activity and areas on natural and cultural resources with the intent to further maintain them as OHV opportunities. Therefore, Applicant is reminded to re-evaluate the Project and remove any activities/costs associated with any Planning activities, as any regular Planning is not covered by this Application. Applicant is advised to move these activities and the cost associated to a Planning Project. Lastly, Applicant must clarify what "scope of the tribes and public" means, as it is not clear how this relates to the completion of the Project.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No comment.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "UTV Maintenance" – Applicant must provide additional information for the quantity selected, as the Online Grants Application (OLGA) Equipment Inventory states only one active utility vehicle Grant funded side by side, is in the Eagle Lake Equipment inventory.
- Others #1 "Outsourced Labor" – Line item appears to be a contract activity. Applicant must move the line item to the Contracts category. In addition, Applicant must clarify what tribe the tribal members are a part of.