2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Eldorado National Forest's Factual Findings

The information provided below is the OHMVR Division's Factual Findings for this Applicant. The information provided reflects the OHMVR Division's review and determination of the Applicant's final Application.

For information regarding the appeal process, see Section 4970.17 of the <u>Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations webpage</u> https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23747

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General Evaluation Criteria

- #1d OHV Opportunity Ratio. Add 3 points.
- #6 Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #7c The narrative does not support the selection of "Education programs, maps...". Applicant did not clarify if the Education Program addresses OHV trespass, including respect for private property. Deduct 2 points.
- #9a Narrative does not support the selection. It is unclear if Applicant develop a systematic methodology that is consistent with the 2020 Soil Standard. Deduct 5 points.
- #9b Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant did not provide adequate details on methods to address soil issues. Deduct 5 points.
- #11c Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant did not provide a
 detailed explanation to support the daily onsite effort to provide information on
 safe and responsible OHV use. Deduct 2 points.

Ground Operations: G25-02-03-G01

Project Description – Background

No change.

Project Description – Project Description

No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

 Project Deliverable #1 & 7 - Applicant must remove all information in these sections as they are not related to Project Deliverables.

Project Description - All Others

No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 "District Recreation Officers" Applicant removed "for compliance with existing NEPA documentation" activities from the line item but did not reduce the line item total. In addition, "accomplishment reporting" appears to be an indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant did not explain how this activity directly supports the Project or move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category. Applicant listed three (3) activities. Removing two (2) activities decreases the line item total by 67%. Deduct \$2,058 from match (could not move the cost to the Indirect Costs category as Project is over the allowable 15% maximum indirect amount). Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$1,014.
- Staff #2 "District OHV Lead Technicians" "Project Accomplishment Reporting" appears to be an indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant did not explain how this activity directly supports the Project or move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category. In addition, it is unclear how "trail maintenance" is related to the Project. Applicant must remove the verbiage for these activities and their associated cost. Applicant listed eight (8) activities for this line item. Removing two (2) activities decreases the line item total by 25%. Deduct \$3,120 from Grant (could not move the cost to the Indirect Costs category as Project is over the allowable 15% maximum indirect amount). The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$9,360 and match \$0.
- Staff #3 "OHV Technicians GS-5" Applicant removed "GYR trail monitoring and take before and after pictures..." activities from the line item but did not reduce the line item total. Applicant listed seven (7) activities for this line item. Removing two (2) activities decreases the line item total by 29%. Deduct \$2,227 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$5,453.
- Staff #4 "Volunteers" Applicant removed 'clearing downed trees and vegetation...' activities from the line item but did not reduce the line item total. Applicant listed three (3) activities for this line item. Removing one (1) activity decreases the line item total by 33%. Deduct \$3,316 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$6,731.
- Staff #2 "District OHV Lead Technicians" Applicant does not meet the minimum 26% match requirement for the Project Move \$4,719 from Grant to match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$4,641 and match \$4,719.
- Indirect Costs Applicant has now exceeded the 15% maximum allowable.
 Deduct \$1,025 from match. Revised total for Indirect costs category is now Grant \$0 and match \$14,241.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$94,941

Match: \$33,358

Project Total: \$128,299

Evaluation Criteria

 #2 - Narrative does not support the selections of "Negative impact to cultural sites", "Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat", "Potential trespass" Applicant did not provide example(s) for how "failure to complete the Project will result in..." and "Additional damage to Facilities" for the unsupported selections. Deduct 2 points.

- #3 Narrative does not support the selections of "Maintaining trails that provide for multi-use", "Installing or repairing erosion control features", "Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use", and "providing varied levels of riding difficulty". Applicant did not provide examples of Project activities being performed that support the selections. Deduct 10 points.
- #4 Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant did not notify the Division prior to the virtual meeting. Deduct 1 point.
- #5 Narrative does not support the selection. California Enduro Riders Assoc., Polk Dots Motorcycle Club, and Mother Lode Rock Crawlers are exclusively performing Ground Disturbing activities which is not a part of this proposed Project. Deduct 2 points.
- #6 Background, Project Deliverable, and/or Project Cost Estimate does not support the selections of "Protecting water quality" and "Protecting special-status species". Applicant did not provide example(s) of the activities performed in the Project that support the selections. Deduct 2 points.
- #7 Project Deliverables and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selections of "Barrier materials..." as Applicant states "may include" which implies they may not be used. Deduct 1 point.
- #8 -The Project is not eligible for this evaluation criteria question, as the Project does not have trail maintenance activities. Deduct 6 points.