

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Sierra 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 [Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations webpage](https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23747)
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General Evaluation Criteria

- #1d - OHV Opportunity Ratio. Add 3 points.
- #5 - Applicant has been out of Good Standing with the Division in the last two calendar years. Deduct 10 points.
- #6 - Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #7c - Narrative does not support the selection of "Education programs, maps...". "Personnel engage the public in meaningful conversations" is not considered an Education Program. In addition, Applicant did not provide a detailed explanation of whether the maps, literature, and other educational materials address OHV trespass, including respect for private property. Deduct 2 points.
- #9a - Narrative does not support the selection. It is unclear if the Applicant developed a systematic methodology that is consistent with the 2020 Soil Standard. Deduct 5 points.

Education & Safety: G25-02-17-S01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No change.

Project Description – All Others

- Location of Training/Services - 4970.13(f)(5) – “Sierra High School Job Fair” appears to be a forest recruitment rather than an educational opportunity. Applicant shall remove the location, and any work related to this activity is not an eligible deliverable within the Grants program.

Project Cost Estimate

- Materials / Supplies #2 “Educational Signage” - Per Applicant's justification, a majority of the signage is specific to Ground Operations activities. Reduce line item by 50%. Revised line item total is now \$1,275 Grant.
- Materials / Supplies #4 “Video Camera” - Applicant must fully delete the line item from the Project Cost Estimate if it is no longer included within this Application. Equipment Use Expenses #1 - Applicant may only charge actual forest costs. Caltrans rates are not eligible.
- Indirect Costs #1 - Smokey the bear message does not have an OHV nexus. Applicant shall remove the item and the costs associated. Revised line item total is now \$2,400 Grant.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$22,748

Match: \$9,159

Total Project Cost: \$31,907

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 - Applicant has been out of Good Standing with the Division in the last two calendar years. Deduct 10 points.
- #3 - Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #4 - Narrative does not list each partner separately. The selection of volunteers best supports the narrative. Deduct 3 points.
- #5 - Applicant's selection is not supported by the Project background and/or Project Description. It is unclear how the Project will address “Motorcycle” and “Dune buggy, rail.” Deduct 2 points.
- #6 - Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant did not identify multiple distinct stakeholders. Deduct 1 point.
- #7 - Narrative does not support the selections of “Testing process to ensure outcomes are effective” and “Plan to implement the Project.” Deduct 4 points.
- #8 - Narrative does not support the selection of “Website.” Deduct 2 points.
- #11 - Project Deliverables and Project Description do not support selection. The Project is not conducting an ASI / MSF course. Deduct 2 points.

Ground Operations:G25-02-17-G01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No change.

Project Description – All Others

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #4 - Applicant did not provide additional details to justify the increase in "QTY." Applicant is allowed a 15% increase from the prior year's Application line item total. Deduct \$16,589 from Grant and \$ 5,828 from match. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$67,846 and match \$6,837.
- Staff #9 "OHV Equipment Specialist" - Line-item notes are duplicative with Staff#15 for this new position. Applicant did not provide additional details to justify the increase in staff positions as the Project's Deliverables did not significantly change from the previous year's Application. Applicant listed four (4) activities for this line item. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line item total by 25%. Deduct 8,190 from Grant. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$24,570 and Match \$0.
- Staff #20 "BL OHV Program Manager" - "Document accomplishments" is an Indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move the verbiage and cost associated with this activity to the Indirect Cost category. Applicant listed eighteen (18) activities for this line item. Removing one (1) activity reduces the line-item total by 6%. Deduct \$2,923 from Grant and \$1,027 from match. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$61,285 and match \$600.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "FW-Non Fleet OHV accessories/updates" - Applicant did not explain how these items directly support the Project. Applicant must move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category. In addition, Applicant must clarify if the "Non Fleet OHV" vehicles were purchased with grant funds or if the Equipment receiving upgrades were purchased through the Grant Program or used 100% for OHV.
- Equipment Use Expenses #3 & 5-8 - Contingent line items. Applicant did not clarify how the use fees were determined. Applicant must use a fee in

accordance with the Grantee's local fair market rental rates or the Grantee's actual cost, but shall never exceed the Grantee's actual cost.

- Equipment Purchase #1-3 - Applicant must submit an Equipment Disposition Request form for the pieces of Equipment this line item intends to replace.
- Others #1 "Toilet Pumping- Non-Scheduled" - Contingent line item. Applicant must clarify the number of vault toilets that will be pumped.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$908,890

Match: \$323,739

Total Project Cost: \$1,232,629

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 - Narrative does not support the selection of "Providing varied levels of riding difficulty." Applicant did not provide examples of Project activities being performed that support the selection. Deduct 1 point.
- #5 - Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant did not provide a detailed explanation for how each partner will participate in this Project. Deduct 4 points.
- #7 - The Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selections of "Signs, sign posts or educational kiosk" and "Other products with recycled content." The Applicant's statements indicate these materials will only be used "when available," which is not a guarantee they will be used on the Project. Deduct 2 points.