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OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Ocotillo, CA

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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

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SUBJECT: Grants Program Update

Summary

Update on the status of the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program), as well as Public Resources Code (PRC) 5090.24(b) requirement of a public meeting before the start of the next grant program cycle to allow for public input on the program.

Discussion

Public Resources Code (PRC) 5090.24(b)

PRC 5090.24(b) states in part: *The meetings (Talking about the minimum four Commission meetings) shall include a public meeting, before the beginning of each grant program cycle to collect public input concerning the program, recommendations for program improvements, and specific project needs for the system.*

The OHMVR Division is utilizing this public meeting and Grants report to meet the Commission's statutory requirement. The Division welcomes input from both the Commission and the public. This is the time for the Commission and the public to provide valuable feedback on how the program may improve.

Once all input is received from this meeting, the Division will carefully review, consider and analyze all input to ensure applicability and adherence to statutory requirements. All changes must meet statute that dictate the specifics of the program and may require updates to program regulations that would require the Office of Administrative Law process. Changes to statute cannot be completed by the Division. Any changes made to the program will be shared with the Commission in future grant reports.

G26 Grant Cycle

The Grants G26 Intent to Award was posted on August 3, 2026. This began the 30-day appeal process. The Program Regulations allow for applicants to appeal the intent to award if they feel one of the two scenarios has happened:

1) The OHMVR Division failed to follow the regulations, and/or
2) The OHMVR Division lacked sufficient evidence to support or deny the award of a Grant(s).

The appeals are sent to the Deputy Director of OHMVR for review and reply. Should the appeals be denied, the applicant may then appeal to the Director of Parks and Recreation for final determination. The Division received seven appeals, two in the Ground Operations category, two in the Education & Safety category, two in the Restoration category and one in the Law Enforcement category. All appeals were resolved and the final awards for the G26 grant cycle became final on Tuesday, Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Compliance Unit staff are currently working with the successful applicants to process the new project agreements.

G27 Grant Cycle

Staff are starting preparation for the next grant cycle (G27) that begins in January 2027. Each cycle begins with a Grants Technical Workshop for Applicants. We will be returning to the in-person format for this year's workshop, focusing on not only how to apply for Grants, but also including a technical dive into the Grants program in its entirety. This year most sessions will incorporate a hands-on learning approach, taking current and potential Applicants into the field to learn about Project types, Environmental Requirements and so much more. The workshop is currently scheduled for January 12-14, 2027 at Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area.

The workshop is planned for three days, with the first day being an overview of the administrative side of the program including time for Grantees and Applicants to set meetings with Division staff for questions, or just to meet new faces. The second day will be the bulk of the workshop, filled with field experiences taking the written application to life. The third day will be a chance for folks to have training opportunities for certification through ROHVA, ASI and MSF as well as having a driving tour for those that wish to get into the field more to view project ideas, discuss techniques and just visit the beautiful park.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

Final award summary

G26 - Grant Cycle Summary
Final Awards

	Ground Operations	Acquisition	Development	Planning	Restoration	Education & Safety	Law Enforcement	Total Projects	Total Amount Awarded
USFS	12 Project(s) $6,089,847	0 Project(s) $0	3 Project(s) $653,918	1 Project(s) $90,263	2 Project(s) $852,431	3 Project(s) $121,699	17 Project(s) $1,800,000	**38**	**$9,608,158**
BLM	8 Project(s) $2,339,693	0 Project(s) $0	1 Project(s) $326,626	1 Project(s) $261,646	2 Project(s) $168,619	3 Project(s) $318,508	12 Project(s) $1,800,000	**27**	**$5,215,092**
Other Federal	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	**0**	**$0**
Local Agencies	6 Project(s) $2,330,616	0 Project(s) $0	2 Project(s) $519,456	1 Project(s) $387,024	0 Project(s) $0	7 Project(s) $498,259	38 Project(s) $2,400,000	**54**	**$6,135,355**
Districts	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	**0**	**$0**
Certified Cons. District	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	1 Project(s) $234,518	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	**1**	**$234,518**
Nonprofits	5 Project(s) $2,000,911	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	5 Project(s) $4,343,776	6 Project(s) $561,534	0 Project(s) $0	**16**	**$6,906,221**
Federally Rec. Tribes	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	0 Project(s) $0	**0**	**$0**
Total Awarded	**31 Project(s) $12,761,067**	**0 Project(s) $0**	**6 Project(s) $1,500,000**	**3 Project(s) $738,933**	**10 Project(s) $5,599,344**	**19 Project(s) $1,500,000**	**67 Project(s) $6,000,000**	**136**	**$28,099,344**
Available Funding	**$15,000,000**				**$7,500,000**	**$1,500,000**	**$6,000,000**	**$30,000,000**	

Ground Operations	70% (min)	$10,500,000
Acquisition	10% (max)	$1,500,000
Development	10% (max)	$1,500,000
Planning	10% (max)	$1,500,000

USFS 30%	$1,800,000
BLM 30%	$1,800,000
Local 40%	$2,400,000

ENTER Available Funding:

$30,000,000

Funds Avilable	
Operation and Maintenance	$0
Restoration	$1,900,656
Education & Safety	$0
Law Enforcement	$0

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