

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks' 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. In addition, 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).

Law Enforcement: G25-03-80-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Grant request appears excessive in relation to the OHV opportunity. Provide additional information. It is unclear how this Project addresses legal and/or illegal OHV Recreation, and OHV Law Enforcement patrols will be conducted, as there is no clear OHV nexus for this Law Enforcement Application. Applicant is advised that this section needs to be revised so the proposed Project is more clearly defined and demonstrates how it supports the purpose of the Grants Program. Applicant must define more clearly the geographical area served and note relevant topographical features and boundaries. Applicant must also clarify how OHV patrol activities will be clearly distinguished from routine patrol activities.
- Item #2 – Applicant must provide more details on the Project Area where off-highway vehicles are operated. Applicant must be detailed about the number of acres, square miles to be patrolled within their jurisdiction for this Project. Applicant is reminded that conducting Project activities beyond the city's jurisdiction requires written permission from the Land Manager.
- Item #3 – Applicant must provide more detailed information on the number of shifts per officer during the Project Performance Period to justify the costs in the Project Cost Estimate. As well as specify the types of vehicles used for patrols.
- Item #4 – Applicant must clarify the rank of personnel assigned to patrol duties.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- All sections – Applicant is advised that primarily patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreational activities is ineligible as they do not have an OHV nexus.
- #1 – Applicant is advised that patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreational activities is not eligible for Project activities as they do not have an OHV nexus.
 - For example, patrolling for the following is not eligible: trespassing, illegal camping, marijuana growing sites, vandalism, target shooting, illegal firearms, dumping, campfires, lost hikers, homeless, and burglary.
 - The use of an OHV vehicle for routine patrol does not make it an OHV Recreation nexus.
- #2 – Applicant fails to describe lands under their jurisdiction to which CVC Division 16.5 applies and how their program will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area. Applicant must provide a narrative to answer the question.
- #6 – Applicant must provide additional details identifying the curriculum used by the Applicant to train personnel in OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection.
- #8 – Applicant must provide a narrative to answer the question.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “Park Services Officers II” – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities related to patrol for OHV Recreation to be performed on the Project. Applicant is reminded that primarily patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreational activities is ineligible.
- Materials/Supplies All Line Items – Applicant must revise line item to include description of items to be purchased and how they relate to OHV Recreation patrol.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Yamaha Kodiak ATV” – Line item is Equipment Purchase and must be moved to the correct category. In addition, Applicant is reminded that equipment purchased solely with OHV Grant funds must be used 100% for OHV patrol. Applicant must provide additional information to justify the need, costs, and how the ATVs will complement the proposed Project. In addition, Applicant must clarify what percentage of use Equipment will be used for on the Project (OHV Project activities) and adjust the line-item cost accordingly to reflect that percentage of use.
- Equipment Use Expense #2 “Lighting” – Line item is not Equipment Use Expenses and must be moved to the Others category. Applicant must clarify what pieces of Equipment this upgrade is intended for and if the piece of Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program or used 100% for OHV patrol.