

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Friends of the Bridgeport Avalanche Center'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:

- No comment.

Education & Safety: G25-04-56-S01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- Applicant listed Project Deliverables in the Project Description section. Applicant must move the Project deliverable language from this section to the appropriate title within the List of Project Deliverable section.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- Applicant should ensure the List of Project Deliverables is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project deliverable title. Applicant must update the Project Deliverable descriptions by eliminating any activities irrelevant to the deliverable title, relocating information to the appropriate deliverable title, removing any redundant language, and/or

moving information to the Background or Project Description sections if more suitable.

- #3 – Applicant must provide additional details to support “We anticipate 2 awareness presentations...” as it is unclear if the activities will be completed.
- #4 – Applicant must clarify what “Replacing or installing signage at boundaries...to educate the rider where the wilderness boundary or private property begins...” is, as it appears to be a Ground Operations activity.
- #9 – The activities listed are not unique Education deliverables. Applicant must remove this Project deliverable and integrate the listed activities into another Project deliverable title, where they will be executed to accomplish that deliverable.
- #12 – The activities listed are not unique Education deliverable. Applicant must remove the Project deliverables and integrate the listed activities into another Project deliverable title, where they will be executed to accomplish that deliverable.

Project Description – All Others

- Location of Training/Services - 4970.13(f)(5) – Applicant must provide additional details on location of classes to ensure they are supported by Land Manager letters for use of land.
- OHV Safety, Environmental Responsibility, and Respect for Private Property - 4970.13(f)(6)- Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional details to clarify how the Project will address OHV Safety, Environmental Responsibility, and Respect for Private Property.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “Avalanche Educators” – The quantity of hours appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the hours of this line item.
- Staff #3 “Project director” – “...overseeing all aspects of this grant-funded project, ensuring efficient administration and tracking of expenditures” appears to be an indirect activity because it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must remove the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category.
- Contracts #1 “HTNF Collection Agreement” – Line item “Rate” increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in Rate. In addition, Applicant must clarify the source of match.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Maps, brochures, signs, handouts” – Applicant must provide additional details to support “A new sign is needed... that details the winter riding area boundaries” as it appears to be Ground Operations activity.
- Materials / Supplies #2-3 – Applicant must provide additional information to support the need of “PPE” as the line item(s) were requested in the Applicant's G24 Project.

- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Flat rate education personal machine use" – Applicant shall provide additional details to support the need of the line item.
- Others #1 "Website maintenance, subscriptions" – Applicant must clarify if the total cost is the full amount for website management (including OHV and non-OHV content) or a prorated total covering only the OHV content.
- Indirect Costs #2 "Volunteer Labor" – Applicant must revise the hourly rate to match the current IRS volunteer rate of \$38.61.
- Indirect Costs #3 "Weather station" – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year's Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.