

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Madera County Sheriff's Office'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).

Law Enforcement: G25-03-33-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Applicant is advised 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. In addition, Applicant must clarify how OHV patrol activities will be clearly distinguished from routine services.
- Item #3 – Applicant must specify the types of vehicles utilized for patrols.
- Item #4 – Applicant must outline the number of days allocated for patrol per week, considering weekdays, holidays, weekends, etc.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #1 – Applicant must clarify if the private lands described are open and accessible to the public. Applicant is reminded that routine OHV patrol deployments must prioritize legal OHV Opportunity areas in order to directly support OHV Recreation.
- #2 – 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

Project Cost Estimate

- Materials / Supplies #2-4 – Applicant is reminded Equipment only purchased through the Grant Program or used 100% for OHV patrol is eligible for vehicle upgrades.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Compact Rescue Skid with Attendant Seat” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how the cost was determined.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “Wheel and Tire Set for Polaris Range” – Applicant to clarify if the set requested in this line item is a set of spare wheels/tires for Polaris Ranger. If so, the request must be moved to the Indirect Cost category.
- Materials / Supplies #3 “Light Bars and Kit” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how the cost was determined. Request is duplicative since the requested Police Ranger XP comes equipped with this feature, as stated in notes for line item #1 Equipment Purchases.
- Materials / Supplies #4 “Supplies – Accessories for Polaris” Applicant to provide confirmation/clarification they are performing OHV Search and Rescue activities; otherwise, listed items must be moved to the Indirect Cost category. Applicant must provide more details on the requested accessories to be purchased and how it is specifically used for OHV patrol.
- Equipment Purchases #1 “Polaris Ranger XP 1000” – Notes appear to be duplicative in nature compared to Materials / Supplies line Items #2, #3, and #4. Applicant must clarify if the items listed in the notes section are different from the items listed in the Materials / Supplies line items and must clarify if the \$38,000 quote includes upgrades mentioned in the notes section. Furthermore, Applicant must clarify what percentage of use the Equipment will be used for on the Project and adjust line-item cost accordingly to reflect that percentage of use. Applicant must also further justify the need for the Equipment as the agency currently has three side by sides in their fleet for OHV Law Enforcement patrol.
- Equipment Purchases #2 “4x4 Jeep Rubicon” – The cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost of this line item. In addition, Applicant must further clarify the cost of the 4x4 upfitting and emergency upfitting. Furthermore, Applicant must clarify what percentage of use the Equipment will be used for on the Project and adjust line-item cost accordingly to reflect that percentage of use. Applicant must also further justify the need for the Equipment, as the agency currently has a Jeep Wrangler in their fleet for OHV Law Enforcement patrol.
- Others #1 “Equipment Trailer” – Applicant must further clarify the need for the Equipment as the agency currently has four Trailers in their fleet for OHV Law Enforcement patrol.