

# **2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Ridgecrest Police Department's Preliminary Application Comments**

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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).

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## **Law Enforcement: G25-03-46-L01**

### **Need Assessment**

- Item #1 – Applicant's response is too broad. Applicant must provide a more concise overview of the agency and the geographical area it serves.
- Item #2 – Applicant must further clarify/identify the areas being patrolled where off-highway vehicles are operated. Applicant is reminded that performing Project activities outside the city's jurisdiction must have written permission from the Land Manager to perform those activities.
- Item #3 – Applicant is reminded that OHV funds may be used for public education and awareness. However, these activities must be ancillary and minimal to maximize the amount of OHV patrol. Applicant must clarify the percentage of time spent on educational lectures/demonstrations at local events/schools versus OHV patrol.
- Item #4 – Applicant must clarify that the patrol being conducted is specific to OHV Enforcement and not part of the regular agency patrol.

### **Needs Enforcement Certification**

- #1 – Applicant should clarify how trespassing on private property, reckless driving on public roadways, and public nuisances calls for service are directly related to OHV Recreation within the proposed Project.
- #2 – Applicant is advised that primarily patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreational activities is ineligible as they do not have any OHV nexus.

- #3 – Applicant reminded performing Project activities outside the city’s jurisdiction must have written permission from the Land Manager to perform those activities.
- #8 – Applicant is reminded performing Project activities outside the city’s jurisdiction must have written permission from the Land Manager to perform those activities. Applicant must supply a copy of the agreement with BLM.

## **Project Cost Estimate**

- Materials / Supplies #1 “Riding Gear” – Compared to similar Projects, the cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost of this Equipment by itemizing the cost/quantity of requested items.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “First Aid/Medical Supplies – Applicant must provide clarification for requested medical kits and list contents of kit. Applicant to justify how they are specific/specialized to OHV patrol.
- Materials / Supplies # 3 “GPS Unit” – GPS Units are considered indirect costs. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect Cost category.
- Equipment Use Expense #1 “Use of Police SUV” – Costs increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost. Applicant must also adjust the daily rate in the notes section to match the line-item daily rate listed.
- Equipment Purchases #1 “2025 Ford Responder F150 4x4” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost. Applicant must provide a more detailed cost breakdown for the vehicle purchase and proposed retrofits/upgrades, and should itemize upgraded Equipment costs separately. Applicant must also identify what percentage of use Equipment will be used for the Project and adjust line-item cost accordingly to reflect that percentage of use.
- Others # 1 “Outfitting OHV RZR” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide a more detailed breakdown of the items and costs for the proposed “Outfitting”.
- Others #2 “Training” – Cost appears excessive. OHMVR currently provides free POST certified training to agencies. Applicant needs to provide clarification on what type of training is being conducted and the cost for each training. Instructor training (Train the Trainer) is covered in the indirect category.