

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Los Padres National Forest 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.

Ground Operation: G25-02-09-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- Applicant must clarify the meaning of "...level 1 and 2 trail maintenance...". It is unclear if the Applicant is referring to maintenance on roads open to off-highway vehicles.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must clarify the specific miles of trail/road maintained on the proposed Project.
- #4 – Applicant must provide the approximate amount of vault toilets and/or restrooms maintained in this proposed Project.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #2 “OHV Recreation Technicians” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Costs did not increase from the previous year’s Application. In addition, “Creates Div... to OHV Div with bill & PAR” appears to be an indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must explain how this activity directly supports the Project or move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category.
- Staff #5 “Archaeologists/Tribal Liaison” – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost. In addition, Applicants notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. It is unclear how many hours the Archaeologist will be working on this Project. Lastly, Applicant must clarify if the Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison are separate positions. If the positions are separate, then Applicant must separate the positions into their own line items.
- Contracts #3 “Forest Wide Trail and Facility Crew” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.
- Contracts #4 “MPRD Mechanized Trail Crew” – Applicant must clarify the need for this new line item as the Project’s Deliverables did not significantly change from the previous year’s Application.
- Materials / Supplies #11 “MPRD/SLRD Resource Survey/Monitoring” – Applicant must clarify why all monitoring Equipment is needed as some of the Equipment listed is not standard equipment needed to complete a Habitat Management Program. In addition, cost appears excessive. Application must provide additional details to justify the cost.
- Equipment Use Expenses #3 “SLRD UTV Maintenance” – Applicant is reminded Equipment maintenance expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. If applicable, Applicant must describe in the notes section how maintenance cost was determined, how many UTV’s will be maintained, and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous”.
- Equipment Use Expense #4 “MPRD Backhoe Rental” – Applicant must move the costs associated with fuel to its own line item.
- Equipment Use Expense #5 “MPRD OHV Equipment Maintenance/Repairs” – Applicant must clarify how the maintenance/repair costs were determined.
- Equipment Use #6 & 9 – Applicant must clarify how often, in terms of day(s), the piece of Equipment will be used on the Project or offer a justification for opting for a unit of measurement higher than daily usage, resulting in cost savings for the State. Supporting evidence must be provided to substantiate this reasoning.
- Equipment Purchase #1 “MPRD Motorcycle” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the line-item cost was determined.

- Equipment Purchase #3 “SLRD UTV” – Applicant must provide additional justification for this line item and clarify what Applicant intends to do with its existing UTV.
- Other #2 “MPRD Trailer Maintenance/Repairs” – Applicant must remove costs and staff hours associated with the enclosed box trailer and FS information booths at local festivals and events as they are not eligible expenses for Ground Operations Projects.