

## **2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS – San Bernardino NF – Patrol District 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. 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).

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### **Law Enforcement: G25-02-40-L01**

#### **Need Assessment**

- Items #3 & #4 – LEO numbers appear to be inconsistent. Applicant must revisit number of officers and percentages being dedicated to the Project. Item #3 “Four Full-Time LEOs” Item #4 “5 U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs)”.

#### **Needs Enforcement Certification**

- #10 – Applicant must describe how it is meeting the law enforcement operational needs (patrol time, staffing levels, education, patrol vehicles, OHV patrol vehicles, call volume, response time, regulatory signage, etc) of the OHV areas and/or OHV designated routes within its jurisdiction. \*§ 5090.53. *Conditions for Grants or Encumbrance of Funds No funds may be granted or expended pursuant to Section 5090.50, unless all of the following conditions are met:(h) The recipient has included in its application a description of how it is meeting the operations and maintenance needs of any existing off-highway motor vehicle recreation facility under its jurisdiction.*

## **Project Cost Estimate**

- Staff #1 “Law Enforcement Officers (LEO)” – Applicant must identify how many LEO’s make up this line-item and provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
- Staff #2 “Forest Protection Officers (FPO)” – Applicant must identify how many FPO’s make up this line-item and provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
- Materials/Supplies “Safety Fuel Can” – Line item is considered indirect. Applicant must move to the Indirect Cost category.
- Others #1 “OHV Trailer Maintenance” – Cost Seems excessive for annual Trailer maintenance. The Applicant is reminded that costs exceeding \$750, not found in manufacturer’s recommended maintenance schedule, is considered a Major Repair. In addition, the Applicant must move line item to Equipment Use Expenses and clarify what piece of Grant funded Equipment is needing service.
- Others #2 “Travel” – Applicant must clarify how this amount was calculated. Applicant must provide number of officers, number of shifts and how many travel days are anticipated to patrol the Project Area during the Project Performance Period and justify the need for traveling officers outside the Project Area.
- Indirect Expenses #1 “Admin, reporting, overhead and supplies” – Applicant must create separate line items for each of the following items with cost estimates of each line item. AED Packs, Hydration Packs, and Binoculars. Applicant may revise but not increase line item with removal of the AED Packs, Hydration Packs and Binoculars.