

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

USFS - Sequoia 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: G25-02-15-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must clarify which of the “833 miles of single and multi-use OHV routes” will receive maintenance. It is unclear how the Applicant will perform maintenance on 833 miles of trail with the stated decrease in staff hours from the previous year's Project.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff # 6 & 20 – Line item “Quantity” (QTY) for Biologists increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in QTY.
- Staff #14 “KR - Multi Resource Specialist OT” – Applicant must clarify why overtime is needed for these Project activities.
- Staff #17 “District OHV Staff OT” – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
- Staff # 28 "Roads Engineering Technician" – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. This line item was not on the previous year's Application. Applicant must justify the need for this additional Staff line item.
- Contracts #1 “Heavy Equipment Rental” – It is unclear how the street sweeper is related to the Project. The Applicant must clarify how this item is related to the line items and Project Deliverables.
- Contracts #5 “KR - Heavy Equipment Rental” – Applicant must move this line item to the Equipment Use Expenses category. In addition, 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.
- Materials / Supplies #8, 9, 18, 29, & 30 – Applicant is reminded that Equipment not purchased through the Grants Program is not eligible for regular maintenance reimbursement. Applicant must clarify if consumables needed for the cited Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program.
- Materials / Supplies #10 “WD OSV Signs” – Applicant must remove the line item as cost is included in their OHMVR Division funded Grooming contract.
- Materials / Supplies #31 “KR OSV Signs” – Applicant must remove the line item as cost is included in their OHMVR Division funded Grooming contract.
- Equipment Purchase #1 “KR UTV...” – Applicant must further justify the need for a snow plow attachment as it is unclear how it is related to OHV Recreation.
- Others #3 “Heavy Equipment Trailer” – Applicant must further clarify the need to purchase a Trailer as Applicant already owns multiple Trailers as identified in its Application Equipment Inventory.
- Others #11 “Towable Snow Groomer Drag” – Line item is ineligible. Applicant has a Grooming contract with the OHMVR Division Grooming Program and State supplied Groomer is used for activities listed. Applicant must remove line item.
- Indirect #1, 7, 14, & 16 – CPR training and AEDs – Applicant must identify the percentage of OHV use.