

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS – Sierra NF – Patrol District’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: G25-02-35-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #3 – Applicant must clearly estimate the number of planned OHV patrols during the Project Performance Period for each rank/classification and how often these patrols will occur.

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 #4 “Officer Match” – Applicant must describe the duties to be performed on the project during the Project Performance Period.

- Staff #5 “Administration Manager” – Job duties are is considered indirect as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move this line item to the Indirect Costs category.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “OHV/OSV Riding Boots” – Applicant is reminded that only Personal Protective Equipment and riding gear are eligible Project cost. Standard Uniform Boots are not considered an eligible Project cost.
- Materials / Supplies #3 – “OHV Patrol Uniform” – Uniforms are not considered an eligible Project cost. Applicant must remove the line item from the Application.
- Materials / Supplies #6 “OHV Enforcement Display” – Line item is indirect. Applicant must move to the Indirect Cost category. In addition, cost seems excessive. Applicant must further justify the cost.
- Materials / Supplies #7 “OHV Enforcement Display” – Line item is indirect. Applicant must move to the Indirect Cost category.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Maintenance and Repairs” –. Applicant must clarify what pieces of Equipment are in need of repair/service and provide a breakdown of how the cost was determined. The Applicant is reminded that costs exceeding \$750, not found in the manufacturer’s recommended maintenance schedule, is considered a Major Repair.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 “Patrol Vehicle Use” – Applicant clarify notes as only fuel may be charged. Mileage is not an eligible cost.
- Equipment Purchases “Snow UTV” – Cost seems excessive. Applicant must clearly justify the need for this specialty piece of Equipment and elaborate on how and when it will be used on the Project. Applicant must further justify the cost. Applicant has OSV patrol Equipment and must justify the need for additional OSV patrol Equipment.

Education & Safety:

Project Description – Background

- Applicant’s Project appears to be duplicative of the proposed Law Enforcement Project and the Sierra National Forest’s Safety Project. Applicant must provide additional information to clarify how the Projects are not duplicative, or the Project may be ineligible.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – It is unclear if the Applicant will be conducting classroom and/or field training. Applicant should ensure the List of Project Deliverables is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project Deliverable title. Applicant must also remove items not related to OHV Safety, Environmental Responsibility, and Respect Private Property.

- #2 – Applicant should ensure the List of the Project Deliverables is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project Deliverable title. Applicant must relocate, “Additionally, the development of educational brochure...” to Project Deliverable #3.
- #3 – Project Deliverables description is unclear. Applicant must provide additional information to support “Creating/Updating/Printing OHV related maps...”
- #4 – Applicant must clarify what “will be placed on and adjacent to public green sticker use areas” is, as it appears to be a Restoration activity.
- #5 – Applicant must clarify if “sound testing” is a Law Enforcement duty.

Project Description – All Others

- Identification of Needs – 4970.13(f)(4) – Applicant must provide additional information to support, “vehicle fluid spills, litter and trash... while in OHV areas” as they appear to be Ground Operations activities. In addition, Applicant must revise the section to remove the scope of the Project as it does not pertain to this section.
- Location of Training/Services - 4970.13(f)(5) – Applicant needs to verify the locations listed, as they exceed the number of offsite programs outlined in the Project Description.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff All line items – Applicant must provide a description of all line items and how the cost is determined.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Educational Supplies” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Patrol Vehicle” – Applicant must describe in the notes section how the cost was determined and the vehicle type.
- Equipment Purchase #1 “Mobile Education Trailer” – Applicant must identify what percentage of use the Equipment will be used for this Project and adjust the line item cost accordingly to reflect that percentage of use.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Monitors” – Applicant must justify the need for additional monitors, as monitors have already been requested within the Application as part of the trailer build.