

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS – Stanislaus 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: G25-02-32-L01

Need Assessment

- No comment.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #1. “Non-Motorized Trailheads” – Applicant is reminded that patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreation is not an eligible project activity.
- #1. OSV Intrusions – “Applicant is reminded that time identifying resource damage and wilderness intrusions from OSV usage must be billed to the OSV grooming contract.” * Applicant must ensure there is no duplication
- #2 *“Funds will be used to patrol and monitor wilderness trailheads and lands adjacent to wilderness boundaries and non-motorized trails within the general Forest to minimize potential illegal use of these trails and areas”*. Applicant is reminded that patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreation is not an eligible Project activity.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “FPO’s – OHV Managers” – The Project activities listed appear to relate to Ground Operations Project G25-02-19-G01. Applicant must clarify how the proposed Project activities directly align with OHV Law Enforcement and do not

duplicate the Project activities performed under the USFS—Stanislaus National Forest Ground Operations Project, specifically Staff line item #4 "Staff-OHV Managers." Furthermore, the Applicant must justify the necessity for seven OHV managers to conduct OHV Project activities directly linked to the Project. In addition, OSV Sno-Park and groomed trail work is ineligible as motorized SNO-Park work and groomed trail work must be billed to the OSV grooming contract. Applicant must revise the line item to remove these and the associated cost.

- Staff #3 "Fire Prevention" – Fire Prevention is not an eligible Project activity. Staff time must be focused on Law Enforcement patrol efforts. Applicant must clarify role and duties or remove the line item and replace match time .
- Materials / Supplies #1 "Signs and Hardware" – Line item appears duplicative of the request in the G25 Ground Operations Project. Applicant must provide additional clarification on how the two differ.
- Materials / Supplies #2 "Uniform and Safety Equipment" – Line item cost seems excessive. Applicant must specify each piece of Equipment needed and provide cost estimate. Standard uniform items are not an eligible Project cost and must be removed from the Application.
- Indirect Costs #1 "OHV LE Administration. Applicant must elaborate on the duties performed and how it relates to the Project. Applicant is claiming match time and must justify how this is an eligible Project expense.
- Indirect Costs #2 "OHV Equipment and Maintenance" –Applicant must move this line item to Equipment Use Expenses and clearly list the individual Equipment that is in need of regular service/maintenance. Applicant must clarify if items were purchased with Grant funds as maintenance may only be requested for Grant funded Equipment.