

## **2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS – Sequoia NF – Patrol District’s 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: G25-02-34-L01**

#### **Need Assessment**

- Item #1 – Applicant must further describe the geographical area served in the proposed enforcement Project. Applicant states under “Equipment Purchases: Requesting funds are for the purchase of (1) ATV (1) ATV Snow Track(3) UTV Covers and (1) ATV Covers”. This verbiage does not correspond to what is listed under the Project Cost Estimate. Applicant must revisit this section and clarify verbiage and description of project.
- Item #2 – Applicant must be detailed about the number of miles, acreage, or square miles to be patrolled on the Project. Applicant must further define the planned miles of trail to be patrolled for OHV Recreation during this Project. Patrolling the Pacific Crest Trail without any direct nexus to OHV Recreation is not an eligible Project cost. Applicant must justify a direct OHV Nexus or relationship to justify funds being expended on patrolling the Pacific Crest Trail.
- Item #4 – Applicant must be direct in their response to the question. Applicant must clearly state how many Patrol Captions, LEO’s, FPO’s, etc. will be deployed on the Project during the Project Performance Period.

## Needs Enforcement Certification

- #1 – Applicant must identify areas with high priority Law Enforcement needs. Applicant must be direct and concise with answering the question.
- #2 – Applicant must describe how the Project will sustain OHV Recreation. Applicant must be direct and concise with answering the question.
- #3 – Applicant must elaborate on formal and informal MOU's or agreements between other Law Enforcement agencies.
- #6 – Applicant must provide additional detail demonstrating how its training program educates Patrol Personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection.
- #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 area's 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 #1-4 – Applicant must provide the number of personnel who make up each of these line items and what their duties are on the Project. Additionally, Applicant must revise Staff #1 as enforcement of §28000 of the California Vehicle Code is not allowable.
- Staff #5 “Off-Forest Law Enforcement Officer” – Applicant must provide the number of personnel and the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project. In addition, the Applicant specifies in Item #2 of the Needs Assessment section that they patrol approximately 46.2 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail located within Kern County. The Applicant needs to confirm whether the OHV areas near Lancaster (in Los Angeles County) along the Pacific Crest Trails fall under the jurisdiction of Sequoia National Forest.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Signs” – Applicant must provide examples of types of signs to be purchased and how they relate to OHV Recreation.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Patrol Captain marked patrol SUV (5034)” – Applicant must provide additional justification for quantity when Staff # 2 “Forest Protection Officers (FPO)” is only working the Project for 184 hours.
- Equipment Use Expenses #6 “LEO Marked patrol pickup (5042)” – Applicant must provide line item notes to justify expense.
- Equipment Use Expenses #7 “ATV/UTV/OSV Maintenance” – Applicant is requesting Qty 10 maintenance services and only list 9 pieces of Equipment. 2 of which have yet to be purchased. Applicant must revisit line item and clarify Project Cost Estimate.

- Equipment Use Expenses #8 “ATV/UTV/OSV Fuel” – Applicant is requesting Qty 10 fuel cost and only list 9 pieces of Equipment. 2 of which have yet to be purchased. Applicant must revisit line item and clarify Project Cost Estimate.
- Equipment Purchases #1 “ATVs Yamaha” – Applicant must justify the need for 2 additional ATVs on their Project. Applicant states one ATV is for the Pacific Crest Trail. Applicant is reminded that merely patrolling on an OHV does not constitute eligible Project costs. Applicant must be patrolling for OHV Recreation activities.
- Equipment Purchases #2 “Trailers” – Cost Seems excessive. Applicant must clarify how cost estimates were made. In addition, Trailers are not considered Equipment. Applicant must move line item to the Others category.
- Others #1 “Snow Track Kits” – Applicant states snow track kits are for ATV’s purchased from Grant 2026. Applicant must revisit line item and justify the need for a Snow Track Kit and clarify which piece of Equipment will be outfitted with the snow track conversion.
- Others #2 “Trailer Maintenance” – Applicant must revisit line item to clarify quantity. Applicant lists 5 Trailers in description but is requesting funding for a quantity of 7 at \$250 Each.
- Others #3 “PPE for OHV Patrol” – Cost seems extremely excessive. Applicant must explain how they determined cost estimates for \$300 OHV gloves.
- Others #4 “Non Uniform OHV Vest” – Tactical vest carriers, non-tactical vest carriers, ballistic panel carriers, external vest carriers, body armor carriers, etc. are not an eligible Project cost. Applicant must remove line item from the Application.
- Others #5 “Parkas” – Cost Seems Excessive. Applicant must elaborate on how and when these parkas will be used on the Project.
- Indirect Costs #2 “LEO Travel Per Diem” – 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.