

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program BLM - Eagle Lake Field Office'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).

If multiple proposed Projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed Projects requesting Grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or Equipment/Heavy Equipment/Trailer requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the Department's Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed Projects requesting Grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" Off-Highway Vehicles are allowed to receive Grant funding.

Applicants are reminded that no Grant funds and/or match can be expended, or Project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the Department except as allowed in the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations section 4970.09 (b)(11).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- No comment.

Ground Operations: G26-01-08-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 & 3 – Applicant is reminded that monitoring activities should not be included in these Project Deliverables but must instead be listed under Project Deliverable #7 or Project Deliverable - Other. In addition, Applicant must confirm the specific location(s) where trail maintenance will be performed under Project Deliverable #1.
- #4 – Applicant must clarify which specific campgrounds will be maintained under this proposed Project.
- #5 – Applicant is reminded that “American Flag” sticks for signs are only allowed under Indirect costs.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- All Staff Line Items – Due to recent federal staffing reductions, it is unclear whether the staffing levels listed in the Project Cost Estimate are accurate. Applicant must confirm that all staff positions listed in this Application are currently filled prior to the final Application submission.
- Staff #1, 2, 7, and 8 – The percentage of staff time dedicated to Project Deliverables #1 and 3 is unclear. Applicant must clarify within the line item notes what portion of staff time will be specifically dedicated to both monitoring activities and the maintenance of OHV trails, roads, and open areas.
- Staff #5 & 6 – The proposed staff positions appear to be duplicative. Applicant must either remove one of the line items or provide a clear explanation justifying the need for both. In their justification, Applicant must clarify how the two line items differ from one another and confirm the specific locations and amount of work each staff member will be performing.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “OHV Base Rock Gravel/Barriers” – It is unclear how the Applicant determined the proposed cost based on the information provided in the line-item notes. Applicant must provide a clear justification for this cost by specifically identifying how the total was calculated.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “Cleaning/Maintenance Supplies” – Applicant must clarify the meaning of “noels” and the reference to “paper towels use of existing

materials such as carsonites and toilet paper, etc” within the line item notes, as it is unclear what these items are referring to and how they relate to the proposed Project Deliverables.

- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “SWECO/Dozer” – Applicant must clarify how the hourly rate was determined.
- Equipment Use Expenses #7 “Water Truck” – Applicant must clarify how the rate for this line item was determined. It is unclear how many days the equipment will be used and how the total cost was calculated.
- Indirect Cost #1 “Supplies indirect to project” – It is unclear how the cost for this line item was determined. Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the cost of supplies were calculated. If helpful, Applicant may break this line item out into multiple Indirect Cost line items to clearly identify and separate the various costs associated with this line item. In addition, the use of “etc.” in the line-item notes does not provide sufficient detail to identify the items to be purchased. Applicant must specify each supply item to be purchased, as the current description does not clearly identify what materials are being requested.

Law Enforcement: G26-01-08-L01

Need Assessment

- No comment.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #2 – Applicant needs to explain in further detail how the project is related to OHV Recreation, will sustain OHV Recreation, maintain motorized access to non – motorized recreation, and maintain OHV opportunities in the Project Area.
- #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 #3 “Recreational staff” – Applicant must clarify how Recreational Staff duties directly impact the law enforcement project. Recreational Staff time solely focused on signage and outreach may be better suited in a Ground Operations Application.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “OHV Safety Gear” – Applicant needs to be clear on how many sets of gear they need/plan to purchase, Law Enforcement Needs Assessment and PCE show one new LEO to be assigned/outfitted, but PCE also

advised 1 – 4 sets being purchased for a total of \$4887.00. Additionally, Applicant needs to justify the needs for \$100 – \$200 per pair UV blocking UTV Safety Glasses when said mid – range quality ANSI certified can be found for \$25 – \$75 as well as why both a MX helmet and UTV helmet when one OHV style DOT helmet would suffice.