

# 2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program BLM - Needles Field Office'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).

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).

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## **Education and Safety: G26-01-12-S01**

### **Project Description – Background**

- No comment.

## **Project Description – Project Description**

- No comment.

## **Project Description – List of Project Deliverables**

- Applicant selected the “Safety Project” selection, however the Project appears to be an “Education Project”. Applicant must update the Project type in OLGA.
- #1 – Applicant must clarify the number of classroom events they intend to hold and approximately how many students they anticipate attending.
- #9 – Applicant should ensure the list of Project Deliverables are accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project deliverable title. Applicant must move “Desert Information Staff” activities to Project Deliverable #2 and move “ensure that maps and brochures always available...” to Project Deliverable #3.

## **Project Description – All Others**

- Identify of the needs the Project will address – Applicant must remove language related to signing as it is not part of this Project.
- Location where training/services will be conducted – Applicant shall remove “Residents and winter visitors...Members of the public and those living in California...” as it is not relevant to this section. Additionally, Applicant needs to further clarify the location of training and services consistent with the Project Description section and List of Project Deliverables.

## **Project Cost Estimate**

- All Staff Line Items – Due to recent federal staffing reductions, Applicant must confirm that all staff positions listed in this Application are currently filled prior to the final Application submission. In addition, Applicant must update the narrative to include the GS/WG levels for each staff member.
- Staff 1 – 3 – Applicant must clarify the increase in hours as the events in the Project have not increased from the G25 Project.
- Staff #2 “Public Contact” – Applicant must revise the QTY of hours requested, as 50% of “2080 hours” is 1,040 hours. In addition, Applicant must clarify how the QTY hours were determined.
- Staff #4 “Realty” – Line item appears duplicative of Staff #3; Applicant must provide additional details to support the line item. In addition, Applicant shall provide additional details to support what the realty position is as it is unclear.
- Staff #5 “Geologist” – Line item appears duplicative of Staff #3 and #4, Applicant must provide additional details to support the line item.

- Materials / Supplies #1 “Table top information” – Cost appears excessive, Applicant shall revise the narrative to include the methodology used to determine cost. In addition, writing utensils are considered an Indirect Cost. Lastly, Applicant shall clarify what “educational materials” entails.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “For Vehicle Use Rate” – Applicant must revise the line item to indicate the use rate, the equipment being used on the Project, and the amount of miles being driven.
- Indirect Costs #1 – Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the administrative duties cost was determined, including the precise scope and amount of work to be conducted. For any Staff positions included in this line item, Applicant must utilize the hourly rate and quantity of hours as the unit of measure to clearly demonstrate how the associated costs 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.

## **Law Enforcement: G26-01-12-L01**

### **Need Assessment**

- Item #1 – Applicant is reminded only OHV patrols occurring within the State of California and its prescribed Project Area are eligible under an OHV grant.

### **Needs Enforcement Certification**

- #3 – Applicant is reminded only OHV patrols occurring within the State of California and its prescribed Project Area are eligible under an OHV grant.
- #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**

- All Staff Line Items – Applicant must revise line item to clearly identify rank, list hourly rate per classification , and how costs were determined I.E GS-11, GS-12 , etc...
- All Staff Line Items – Applicant must create separate line item for overtime hours expected.

- Staff #1 “Chief LE Officer” – Compared to similar projects, Chief duties are predominantly administrative and would be better suited under indirect costs unless applicant can justify/detail the requested hours will meet grant requirements I.E active OHV patrol, enforcement/education of OHV related laws etc.