

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Conservation Corps of Long Beach'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:

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Restoration: G26-12-36-R01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- The Project appears to be both Restoration and Restoration Planning. Applicant may divide the proposal into two separate Restoration Projects if desired. The combined deliverables and total cost must match the original Project.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – It is unclear what the size of the actual active restoration area will be. Applicant must verify the accuracy of this figure or provide a revised estimate that reflects the appropriate level of active restoration associated with illegal off-highway vehicle (OHV) incursion. In addition, Applicant must also separately identify any areas representing anticipated future incursions and provide distinct estimates for each. Furthermore, the G26 Project Area appears potentially duplicative of the Applicant's G24 Restoration Project, which also remains active throughout December 2027. Applicant must clarify how the G26 Project Area is geographically distinct and identify the methodology used to ensure that no restoration sites, monitoring zones, or costs overlap with those funded under G24. Applicant must remove language and any cost associated with this activity from the Project if there is duplication of services. Lastly, Applicant should ensure that the List of Project Deliverables is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project deliverable title. Applicant must relocate or remove all non-earth-moving activities (monitoring, signage, barriers, etc.) to the designated Project Deliverable.
- #2 – Applicants must provide the anticipated number of monitoring and/or patrolling efforts for each Project Area listed under Section D: "Size of the Specific Project Area(s)...". In addition, Patrol is a Law Enforcement Activity. Applicant must clarify the meaning of "patrol activities" in this Project, as individuals without citation authority are not eligible to claim patrol hours.
- #4 – 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 relocate or remove all non-fencing/barrier activities (vertical mulching, etc.) to correct Project deliverables. In addition, Applicant must clarify how duplication of "repair and maintenance of previously installed barriers" activities will be avoided across overlapping projects and funding sources.
- #9 – Applicant must move this deliverable to the Project Description section and identify the methodology used to ensure there is no duplication of services across overlapping projects and funding sources. In addition, Applicant must also confirm whether the cost estimate reflects two or three years of monitoring, given that G24 funding ends in December 2027.

Project Description – All Others

- Attachments: Applicant is reminded to include Project-Specific Map(s) with sufficient detail for someone unfamiliar with the area to locate the Project site(s). The map(s) must also include valid GPS coordinates for all Project site locations. Additionally, Applicant may include map keys identifying active restoration areas, fencing/barriers, and other relevant Project features.
- (C) How the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation... – It is unclear whether the proposed Project areas are currently experiencing OHV Recreation or whether the proposed activities are intended solely as a preventative measure. Applicant must provide additional information describing the extent of OHV impacts in these areas, including whether illegal incursions are occurring now or if the purpose of the project is to prevent potential future impacts. In addition, the statement, “Restoration activities ...along approximately 16 miles of high-use OHV roads and trails,” appears to be Ground Operations activities rather than Restoration activities, and potentially duplicative of the United States Forest Service (USFS) Angeles National Forest (NF) G26 Ground Operation Project. Applicant must either provide additional information demonstrating how these activities meet Restoration grant criteria or remove all Ground Operations-related language and associated costs from the Project budget and scope of work.
- (D) The size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles – It is unclear the size of the Project Area is in this proposed Project. Applicant must provide a clearly defined and accurate estimate of the actual Project area impacted by illegal OHV incursion, and this estimate must align with the stated project deliverables. In addition, Applicant must identify the methodology used to ensure there is no duplication of services between each Project Area listed in the current proposal and the Project Area identified in the USFS Angeles NF G26 Ground Operations and Law Enforcement Project. Lastly, Applicant is reminded that activities occurring in the Project area that are not caused by OHV Recreation are not eligible for funding and must not be included in the Project description, deliverables, or cost estimate.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “Crew Supervisor” – Applicant must provide additional information on what is meant by “conducts on-the-ground training,” as it is unclear how it relates to the Project.
- Staff #1 & 2 – The duties described for the Crew Supervisor and Crew Leader appear to overlap. Applicant must clarify whether these two positions perform distinct functions or if they are essentially carrying out the same on the ground tasks. If the roles are duplicative, Applicant must explain why two staff members are required and how their responsibilities differ in practice.
- Staff #3-6 – The percentage of staff time allocated to Project Deliverables is unclear. Applicant must clarify what portion of each staff member’s time will be dedicated to active restoration, monitoring, signage, fencing/barriers, public outreach, and other relevant restoration activities. In addition, the cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how this cost was determined and provide a

detailed breakdown. Furthermore, Applicant must provide a detailed description of what the fringe entails.

- Equipment Use Expenses # 1 & 2 – Rate significantly increased compared to the G24 Restoration Project. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in rate. In addition, Applicant must clarify why two vehicles are required, as a single vehicle would be sufficient for the proposed scope of work.
- Others #1 “Ground Operation Per Diem” – Applicant must provide a detailed description of what “Per diem cost” includes.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Administrative Costs” – Compared to like Projects, the proposed cost for this line item appears excessive. Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the 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.