

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Friends of the Bridgeport Avalanche Center'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).

Education and Safety: G26-04-56-S01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

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- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- 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 update the Project deliverable descriptions by eliminating any activities irrelevant to the deliverable title, relocating information to the appropriate deliverable title, removing any redundant language, and/or moving information to the Background or Project Description sections if more suitable.
- #1 – Applicant shall clarify if the deliverable is for classroom or field trainings as it is unclear. In addition, Applicant shall clarify the amount of safety classes and the locations of where they will occur. Lastly, Applicant shall clarify the duration of ‘Avalanche Level 1 (32 hours of in-person instruction)’ as it is unclear how long each instruction will be.
- #2 – Applicant needs to specify the social media platforms, provide the links of where the messages will be published, and the frequency of the messaging.
- #4 – Applicant shall move the following language to the “Other (unique to OHV Safety or Education...)” “FoBAC will also maintain an electronic beacon checker (already purchased by FoBAC) at this same location...”

Project Description – All Others

- “Location where training/services will be conducted...” – Applicant needs to clarify the specific location of training and services.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “Avalanche Specialist” – Applicant needs to clarify the need for this line item as it appears some of the activities are similar to activities in Contracts #1.
- Staff #2 “Finance and Administrative Manager” – Job duties are indirect. Applicant shall move this line item and the costs associated to the Indirect Costs category.
- Staff #3 “Education Coordinator” – QTY and Rate have increased significantly. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation justifying the increase.
- Staff #4 “Avalanche Education Instructors” – QTY and Rate have increased significantly. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation justifying the increase. In addition, Applicant shall clarify the amount of hours being requested consistent with the amount of instructional time described in the notes section.
- Contracts #1 “Collection agreement with the USFS” – Applicant must clarify how the cost was determined, the source of match, and the scope of the contract. In addition, Applicant’s notes state “with no rate increase from 2025”, however the line item has increased compared to the prior year’s Project. Applicant must

remove the language from the narrative. Lastly, Applicant shall clarify if the Equipment being utilized within this contract is Grant funded.

- Materials / Supplies #1 “Maps, signs, and educational materials” – Rate increased by 60%. Applicant must clarify the increase in cost and provide the methodology of the cost and quantity of the maps, signs, and brochures. In addition, “FoBAC intends to print vinyl educational signs and maps...” is considered an indirect activity. Applicant must move this language and the costs associated to the Indirect Cost category.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “Personal Protective Equipment” – Applicant shall split up the PPE and non-PPE items (i.e. clothing) and costs associated into their own line items. In addition, Applicant needs to clarify the number of staff requiring PPE and the quantity of each item being requested.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Snowmobile reimbursement” – QTY increased despite deliverables remaining the same. Applicant shall clarify the need for additional QTY.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 “IRS Mileage Rate” – QTY of miles increased significantly. Applicant shall clarify the need for the increase in QTY. Applicant is reminded that transportation of personnel is limited to 100 miles per day as a direct cost, with the remaining cost as match.
- Equipment Purchase #1 “Snowmobile Trailer” – Cost appears excessive, Applicant shall update the notes to clarify the type of trailer being requested and where it would be purchased from. In addition, the intention of the snowmobile trailer appears to be an indirect activity. Applicant shall move the line item and costs associated to the Indirect Cost category.
- Other #1 “Continuing education for field staff” – Activity appears to be indirect. Applicant shall move the line item and the costs associated to the Indirect Costs category. In addition, Applicant must clarify the amount of staff receiving training and how the cost was determined.
- Others #2 “Website maintenance” – Applicant shall clarify how much time is being spent specifically making OHV related updates. In addition, Applicant shall revise the notes to include the methodology for how the QTY and Rate were determined.
- Indirect Costs #1 “General indirect costs” – Rate increased significantly from last year. Applicant shall clarify how the cost was determined. In addition, Applicant shall clarify how this line item is different from Staff #2 “Finance and Administrative Manager”. Lastly, Applicant shall update the unit of measure to ‘EA’.