

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Friends of the Eastern Sierra 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: G26-04-44-S01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

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- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- All – Applicant should ensure the List of Project Deliverables is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project Deliverable.
- #1 – Applicant's Project Cost Estimate (PCE) does not include 'classroom and/or field training' activities. Applicant shall remove the deliverable. If items included in Deliverable #1 are better suited as Educational Outreach, they should be moved to Deliverable #2.
- #2 – Applicant must clarify how many outreach events, if any, they plan on hosting or attending. In addition, Applicant shall clarify the type of social media the educational campaign will be posted on.

Project Description – All Others

- "Location where training/services will be conducted..." – Applicant needs to further clarify the location of training and services consistent with the List of Project Deliverables.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #2 "Staff - Project Manager" – "OHV specific website maintenance" appears to be an indirect activity. Applicant shall clarify how this activity is Project related or move this language and the costs associated to the Indirect Costs category.
- Contracts #1 "Website" – Applicant must clarify the methodology used to determine the cost of the AvyApp.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "Transportation" – QTY significantly increased from last year. Applicant shall clarify the need for additional mileage as the deliverables have not changed. In addition, Applicant is reminded that Equipment operation is limited to 150 miles per day as a direct cost, with the remaining cost as match and Equipment transportation is limited to 100 miles per day as a direct cost, with the remaining cost as match.
- Indirect Costs #1 "General" – Applicant states, "...costs may include...", 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.