

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Humboldt County Sheriff's 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).

Law Enforcement: G26-03-11-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Applicant is reminded that Project funds can only be used for OHV patrol with an OHV nexus (i.e., garbage dumping, vandalism, and drug violations are not eligible project activities).
- Item #3 – Applicant must specify the types of vehicles utilized for patrols.
- Item #4 – Applicant must directly answer the question. Much of the applicant's response is unnecessary filler. How many officers will be deployed for the purposes of the proposed Project? Clearly define the number of officers dedicated to OHV patrols, specify type of vehicles used for patrol and hour/time dedicated to specifically to OHV patrol, identify the rank of personnel assigned to OHV patrols.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #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 area's and/or OHV designated routes within its jurisdiction. *PRC § 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 #1 "Deputy Sheriff Regular Hours" – Applicant must further define the requested hours as they pertain to OHV Recreation Patrol solely. Patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreation is ineligible and line item must be adjusted to remove those costs (maintain a patrol presence... cannabis grow sites).
- Materials / Supplies #1 "Rain Jumpsuit" – Cost seems excessive. Applicant must justify extreme cost. Additionally, Applicant must move uniform Items into Indirect Costs. Applicant must provide additional clarification on how these Items meet criteria for OHV PPE and are not a standard issued Item of the Sheriff Department due to the climate of the area.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "Ethanol – free fuel" – Cost seems excessive. Applicant must justify why ethanol free fuel is required.
- Equipment Use Expense #2 "Mileage" – Applicant must revise quantity, rate and Unit of Measure to be more definitive in terms of gallons. Applicant may not increase line-item request while adjusting. If line items is a use fee, Applicant must revise title and description.

- Equipment Purchases #1 “Metal Storage Building” – Line item is indirect. Buildings and structures are not eligible equipment project cost. Applicant must remove line item from equipment purchases and place into indirect.
- Others #1 “Off – Road EVOC training” – Applicant has already estimated staff time for 2 deputies for the entire year in Staff #1. Applicant must revise training costs by removing the salary component and recalculate without salaries included.
- Indirect Costs #3 “Starlink mobile subscription” – Applicant must state if Starlinks were purchased with grant funds and justify the need for 2 subscriptions. The mini link request seems excessive.
- Indirect Costs #5 “Electronic stabilized binoculars” – Line-item cost seems excessive compared to other like projects. Applicant must justify need for electronic binoculars.
- Indirect Costs #6 “Recovery Kits” – Line-item cost seems excessive when compared to other like projects. Applicant must justify need for kits and list Items within the recovery kit.
- Indirect Costs #7 “Apple iPad Pro” – Line item is excessive. Applicant must further justify why an iPad Pro is needed in the field and how it will be utilized to benefit the project.
- Indirect Costs #8 “Tool Kits” – Line-item cost seems excessive. Applicant must justify the need for 4 tool kits.
- Indirect Costs #9 “ATV Instructor Training” – Applicant has already estimated staff time for 2 deputies for the entire year in Staff #1. Applicant must revise training costs by removing the salary component and recalculate without salaries included.