

# 2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Imperial County Sheriff's 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: G26-03-09-S01**

### **Project Description – Background**

- No comment.

### **Project Description – Project Description**

- Applicant shall revise the Project Description to clarify where the educational programs will be presented. In addition, Applicant must clarify what training opportunities will be offered during the Project.

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

- #1 – Applicant needs to clarify where the educational presentations will be conducted as “various settings” is unclear. In addition, Applicant must specify if they conduct classroom or field trainings as it is unclear. Lastly, Applicant shall clarify the approximate number and duration of the “hands-on, on-demand rider education”.

### **Project Description – All Others**

- Location where training/services will be conducted – Applicant shall further clarify the training locations consistent with the number of activities outlined in the Project Deliverables section.

### **Project Cost Estimate**

- All Staff Line Items – Applicant must clarify how the hours were determined as it is unclear if the presentation is one eight hour session, or multiple sessions equating to eight hours. Additionally, it is unclear whether the training sessions are ten hours long, or multiple training sessions equating to ten hours. Lastly, activities appear duplicative. Applicant shall provide additional information to clarify how the staff line items are different. Additionally, Applicant must clarify how these educational events are different than those listed as the Educational Outreach within the Applicant’s Law Enforcement application.
- Staff #1 “Sergeant (with benefits) – Applicant shall update the notes to clarify what training will be completed consistent with the List of Project Deliverables.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Outreach Materials/Printing” – Applicant shall split up the printing and outreach materials into their own line items listing out the QTY and Rate of the items.

## **Education and Safety: G26-03-09-S02**

### **Project Description – Background**

- No comment.

### **Project Description – Project Description**

- No comment.

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

- No comment.

## **Project Description – All Others**

- Identify of the needs the Project will address – Applicant shall remove any information related to the Project Cost Estimate as it is not applicable to this section.

## **Project Cost Estimate**

- All Staff Line Items – Applicant shall provide additional information to clarify “safety patrols or monitoring of OHV open areas” as they are not consistent with the List of Project Deliverables and appear duplicative of the Applicant’s proposed Law Enforcement Application.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “4-Point/5-Point Harness” – Applicant must update the QTY stated in notes and consistent with the line-item QTY. In addition, Applicant must clarify if the Equipment used with the harnesses are Grant funded and what percent of use the Equipment will be used on OHV search and rescues.

## **Law Enforcement: G26-03-09-L01**

### **Need Assessment**

- Item #1 – Applicant must clarify cooperation with other agencies. Applicant is reminded that their program cannot fund activities on State Park property except for Education and Safety Project activities/deliverables that teach children OHV skills. Applicant must clarify OHV Grant and/or match funds will not be used to patrol State Park lands.
- Item #4 – Applicant must specify types of vehicles used for OHV patrol.

### **Needs Enforcement Certification**

- #9 – Applicant is reminded that in – lieu funds must be used for OHV Recreation purposes.
- #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. \*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

- Materials / Supplies #1 “Gas Pressure Washer” – Line item is indirect. Applicant must move item to Indirect Expenses.
- Materials / Supplies #3 “ROV Intercom” – Line item is indirect. Applicant must move item to Indirect Expenses.
- Equipment Use Expense #1 “Fuel” – Applicant may only claim fuel at a per gallon rate, not a per mile rate. Applicant must revise line item to show a per gallon quantity, rate and a UOM of each without increasing the line-item total. Additionally, Applicant is reminded that fuel receipts must be submitted to justify fuel costs.
- Equipment Purchases #1 “Sand Car/ROV 4 Seater” – Applicant should include further justification including how new equipment would differ from existing equipment and why upgrading existing equipment is not feasible. Additionally, Applicant was approved for this purchase and chose not to include it after final award. The true need for the piece of equipment is not clear since the purchase was not made last Grant cycle.
- Others #1 “Flatbed Trailer” – Need for line item is unclear. Applicant should explain why current trailer fleet is not suitable for the task described.
- Indirect Costs #3 “Correctional Officer-Overtime Rate” – Applicant must clarify that this staff charge is only used for jail transports related to OHV Recreation.
- Indirect Cost #5 “12x20 Steel Carports” – Applicant must clarify where these carports will be located and that they will only be used 100% for OHV Patrol Vehicles.
- Indirect Costs #6 “Can - Am Tires” – Line-item cost seems excessive compared to Item #7. Applicant must provide clarification on how costs were calculated.