

## **2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Madera 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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### **General Evaluation Criteria:**

- No comment.

## **Planning: G26-03-33-P01**

### **Project Description – Background**

- The Background section should only include a brief description of the Applicant's or Land Manager's organization or program. Applicant must move any project-related activities to the Project Description section and remove any repeated or unnecessary information.

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

- Applicant must specify if the OHV trails being evaluated will be added the designated trail system or is this a restoration planning activity.
- Applicant has included specific Project Deliverable activities within the Project Description section. Applicant must relocate the duplicated information to the appropriate line item within the List of Project Deliverables section.

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

- #1 – Applicant must further clarify the scope of the Project, as identifying routes within the High Sierra and Bass Lake Ranger Districts is too broad. In addition, Applicant must clarify how many miles will be surveyed.
- #5 – Applicant must clarify the type of NEPA/CEQA documents that are going to be completed within the Project.
- #10 – Applicant should ensure the list of Project deliverables are accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project Deliverable title. Applicant must relocate “Develop guidelines for erosion control...” to Project deliverable #4 and remove the remaining language from the deliverable.
- #11 – Applicant should ensure the list of Project deliverable is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project Deliverable title. Applicant must relocate “Establish baseline data....and Soil Conservation Plans” to Project deliverable #4 and remove the remaining language from the deliverable.
- #12 – Applicant should ensure the list of Project deliverable is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project Deliverable title. Applicant must relocate the activity to Project deliverable #6.

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

- (B) How the proposed Project relates to OHV recreation... – Applicant shall remove items three through six (3 – 6) and the last paragraph as the information is not relevant to this section.
- (C) A list of all reports... – Applicant must clarify if the reports listed will result in a decision making document. In addition, Applicant shall remove item #8 “Final Grant Closeout Report” as it is not relevant to this section.

## **Project Cost Estimate**

- Contracts #1 “YSRCDC Project Manager & GIS Mapping” – Applicant must clarify what percentage of time will be spent on each deliverable. In addition, Applicant shall indicate the # of contractors participating. If there are multiple contractors, Applicant is to separate each contract into its own line item. Furthermore, “printing maps outreach materials” are considered an Indirect Cost. Applicant must move the language and costs associated to the Indirect Cost category. Lastly, Applicant must clarify what signage would be utilized on the Project.
- Others #1 “Volunteer hours/in-kind match” – Applicant must move this line item and the costs associated to the Staff category. In addition, Applicant must clarify the percentage of time spent on each deliverable to support the QTY of hours being requested.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Madera Co. Sherrif’s Office” – Applicant must clarify what “general operating” expenses entails. In addition, Applicant is reminded that the duties will not overlap with the Law Enforcement Grant Application. Lastly, cost 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.

## **Law Enforcement: G26-03-33-L01**

### **Need Assessment**

- Item #1 – The Applicant describes “*on – road enforcement*”, which is generally ineligible as an OHV law enforcement project Deliverable. The Applicant must clarify a direct relation of OHV Recreation or specify this Project will not directly contribute to this activity.
- Item #1 – Description of Equipment is inconstant with official Equipment Inventory that includes 5 UTVs (including 1 – 2009 Honda Big Red), 3 ATVs (including 1 – 2009 Honda), 7 motorcycles (including 2 – 2009 Suzuki DRZ & 2 – 2014 Honda CRF250L motorcycles, +3 recently acquired Beta) and a total of 4 trailers. The Applicant must clarify the status of the active Equipment fleet and is advised to resolve discrepancies by submitting Equipment Disposition Request(s) (Rev. 1/25) without delay (CCR 4970.20).
- Item #2 – The Applicant must eliminate or specify such areas are not prioritized for regular OHV law enforcement patrol Deliverables in this Project. Grant recipient agencies may use Project Equipment for OHV – related emergencies and calls for service. However, activities that do not support or contribute to well – managed, high – quality OHV Recreation areas are not eligible Deliverables for financial assistance through this program. The Applicant describes coordination with U.S. Forest Service. The Applicant must clarify the relevance of this

statement including a quantified description of OHV Opportunities that demonstrate an eligible Project Area.

### **Needs Enforcement Certification**

- #1 – The Applicant must establish a direct relation to OHV Recreation for all areas described within the Project Area (Law Enforcement Needs Assessment Item 2.) and remove references to areas that are ineligible for the purposes of this OHV Grant program. It is not clear how patrols on private properties are related to conflicts with pedestrians, campers and other recreational users. The Applicant must clearly establish a relation to OHV Recreation, or such areas will be determined ineligible.
- #2 – The Applicant declares that the proposed Project will directly support and sustain OHV Recreation without describing factual conditions to support this assertion. Response to the prompt must include a description of “how.” This assertion is contradicted by description of factual conditions in Law Enforcement Needs Assessment section including, “*Madera County does not contain designated OHV trail systems*”.

### **Project Cost Estimate**

- All Staff Line Items – Applicant must use an average rate and not estimate costs based on the highest paid employee. Applicant must revise rate requested.
- Others #1 “Equipment Trailer” – Applicant has multiple trailers in equipment inventory. True need for an additional trailer is not clear. Applicant must clarify why one of the current trailers is not available for use.