

# **2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Mammoth Lakes Police Department'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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## **Law Enforcement: G26-03-54-L01**

### **Need Assessment**

- Item #1 – Applicant's grant request and project activities seem excessive in relation to OHV Opportunities and trail mileage within the Mammoth Lakes

Municipal Boundary. Applicant must further provide additional details and information which corroborates a need for OHV Grant Funding. Applicant must include jurisdictional size, how you are reducing conflict between motorized and non – motorized users, how you are reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts, how you are reducing intrusions into wilderness, closed areas or private property.

- Item #2 – Applicant must directly answer the question with information pertaining to legal OHV recreation opportunities within the Mammoth Lakes Municipal Boundary. This includes actual trail mileage of legal OHV routes within the Mammoth Lakes Municipal Boundary. Applicant states that they do not patrol outside of the Mammoth Lakes Municipal Boundary yet they are mentioning full length trail mileage. An overwhelming majority of the OHV opportunities listed in the application are outside of Mammoth Lakes Police Department jurisdiction, therefore mostly irrelevant for the purposes of this project.
- Item #3 – Applicant must specify periods of high impact and provide a justification for frequency of patrols
- Item #4 – Applicant must clearly define the number of officers that will be deployed on this project. Applicant must also identify types of vehicles that will be used for patrol.

### **Needs Enforcement Certification**

- #1 – Applicant must identify trails high priority law enforcement needs by their actual trail name/number along with actual trail mileage within Municipal Boundaries. Applicant is reminded to be specific.
- #3 – Applicant must elaborate on formal or informal cooperation with federal Land Managers, specifically the Inyo National Forest, to describe procedures related to enforcement on federal lands where agencies may have concurrent jurisdiction.
- #6 – Applicant must revisit this question and further explain how officers are trained to enforce OHV Law's and Regulations and the importance of natural and cultural protection. Note: Answer should NOT include how personnel is trained to operate OHVs for patrol.
- #8 – It appears that all of the OHV opportunities that exist within the Mammoth Lakes Municipal Boundary are federally managed OHV routes that are part of the Inyo National Forest. Applicant must explain why they have no new or existing policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land.
- #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 “Officer Patrol Hours” – Applicant must further elaborate on rank, roles, and patrol responsibilities of staff hours in this line item. Cost seems excessive. Applicant must further justify the need for this many patrol hours as the patrol area seems limited to a few staging areas.
- Materials #2 “Law Enforcement Equipment Decals” – Line item is considered indirect expense. Applicant must move line item to indirect.
- Equipment Use Expense #3 “Equipment Rental...” – Applicant has stated the pieces of Equipment are Department owned. Applicant must revise to use the Department rate as use rate may never exceed Grantee’s actual cost.
- Equipment Purchase #1 “Toyota 4Runner” – Cost seems excessive in relation to minimum equipment needed to complete project tasks. In line-item description, Applicant states “most OHV trails in the area are dirt roads, easily accessed by 4WD vehicles.” Applicant must explain why existing Mammoth Lakes PD 4x4 Patrol vehicles are insufficient for completing project tasks. A vehicle used expense for existing Mammoth Lakes PD patrol vehicles may be more cost effective than equipment purchase. Additionally, this piece of equipment was approved last year and then Applicant chose not to purchase. Applicant must explain why.
- Indirect Costs #1 “OHV Storage” – Applicant must clarify if all equipment stored in the OHV Storage Space at the airport hangar is grant funded equipment exclusively used on the project. If this is a shared cost with other non-OHV funded equipment, applicant must explain cost sharing equation.
- Indirect Costs #2 “PCI Intercom system” – Applicant is reminded Equipment only purchased through the Grant Program or used 100% for OHV patrol on this project is eligible for vehicle upgrades. Applicant must clarify what pieces of Equipment this upgrade is intended for and if the piece of Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program or used 100% for OHV patrol.