

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Plumas County'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).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- No comment.

Ground Operations: G26-03-84-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No comment.

Project Description – All Others

- "Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles" - Applicant must specify which trails within each District will be receiving maintenance under this Project and identify the precise locations where the work will be performed. It is unclear whether there is an overlap between the proposed work and the activities being proposed under the Plumas National Forest's G26 Application. Applicant must clarify how the proposed work is distinct from and not duplicative of the activities outlined in the Plumas National Forest's G26 Application.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 "Grant Manager" – Line item appears to be indirect. Applicant must further clarify on-the-ground deliverables for this position or relocate the line item to the Indirect cost category
- Contract #1 "SBTS" – Time spent on Project Deliverable #1 unclear for this line item. Applicant must clarify within the line item notes what portion of staff time will be specifically dedicated to the maintenance of OHV trails.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "Mini Excavator" – It is unclear why a daily use rate is being claimed for this line item rather than a monthly or weekly rate, as doing so may establish greater cost savings to the State. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation justifying the use of a daily rate instead of a monthly or weekly rate.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Moto Wheelbarrow" – The proposed unit rate for this line item has increased significantly compared to the prior year's Application. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation justifying the increase in cost. In addition, it is unclear how the equipment use fees claimed do not exceed the Applicant's actual costs. Applicant must provide supporting documentation substantiating the operating and fixed ownership costs for the equipment listed in this line item. It is unclear how the vehicle use fees claimed do not exceed the Applicant's actual cost, and Applicant must provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Indirect Costs" – Applicant must revise this line item to address their project Indirect costs determined based on their Project needs. In the narrative, 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.

Development: G26-03-84-D01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must provide additional details to further clarify “will add an addition 18.8 miles to the motorized system” as it is unclear what activities will occur (such as heavy equipment, rock removal, etc.). In addition, Applicant shall clarify “...clearing width of 36-48...” as the unit of measure did not populate in the Application.
- #3 – Applicant shall move “Cultural: Proposed trails have been evaluated...Any known cultural sites have been avoided...” to Project Deliverable #2. In addition, Applicant shall remove “Where necessary appropriate structures...” as the activity is already listed in Project Deliverable #1.

Project Description – All Others

- How the proposed Project relates to OHV recreation... – Applicant must clarify which trails on this Project will be worked on as the current listed mileage “The 6.1 miles closest to the Meadow Valley community will be constructed... the 17.4 miles closer to Quincy will be constructed...” exceed the proposed 18.8 miles.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “Grants Manager” – “Management and ensuring project deliverables” appear to be an indirect cost. Applicant shall move this language and the costs associated to the Indirect Cost category.
- Staff #2 “Volunteers” – The QTY of hours being requested appears excessive. Applicant must provide the methodology to support the amount of hours being requested. In addition, Applicant shall clarify the amount of mileage the volunteers will be assisting with. Lastly, Applicant shall clarify what Project Deliverable this line item applies to.
- Contracts #1 “PNF Recreation Officer” – Applicant must spell out the acronym “PNF” in the notes section.
- Contracts #2 “Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship” – Applicant must revise the line item rate to reflect the notes section of \$9. In addition, contractors cannot be paid

and provide match, Applicant must clarify the source of match. Lastly, Applicant must clarify if the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship will be working on the entirety of the 18.8 miles of trail building.

- Materials / Supplies #1 “MUTCD Signs” – Applicant must spell out the acronym “MUTCD” in the notes section and clarify the OHV nexus of the signage.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Other costs at 15%” – Applicant shall clarify the duties of the Executive Director, HR Director, GM, and General Director. In addition, items like "runoff mitigation supplies" would be considered a direct cost. Applicant shall separate the supplies into their own line items within the Materials / Supplies cost category. (i.e., straw wattles 1 @ \$30). In addition, Applicant shall clarify what "general supplies" incorporates as this may also be a direct cost under materials / supplies. Furthermore, Applicant must clarify what Equipment maintenance will be utilized on the Project. Lastly, Applicant must clarify what equipment requires fuel. In addition, Applicant shall move this language and the costs associated to the Equipment Use Expenses category including the methodology for fuel/rates.