

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Riverside 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: G26-03-14-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #2 – Applicant mentions various federal and tribal lands. Applicant should provide details of any MOUs, Land Manager Letters, or other documents present for patrol on other lands outside of agency jurisdiction.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #1 – Applicant mentions in Item #2 educating and distributing maps detailing approved OHV trails and reinforcing the importance of staying within authorized areas to preserve environmental and cultural resources. Applicant to provide details on any areas with cultural resources that have been impacted by OHV recreation use and describe areas of critical environmental concern that are near OHV areas and have seen illegal OHV use.
- #2 – Applicant to provide details on how this project will maintain motorized access to non – motorized recreation.
- #4 – Applicant needs to provide details on hour/time dedicated to specifically OHV patrol and the rank of personnel assigned to OHV patrols.
- #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. *§ 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

- All Staff Line Items – Applicant must briefly describe the duties to be performed on the project during the project performance period.
- Staff #3 “Sheriff’s Corporal” – Applicant must briefly describe the duties to be performed on the project during the project performance period. Provided description sounds administrative which would be more appropriate with an indirect cost.
- Equipment Use Expenses All line items – Line-item costs seem excessive as related to use. Polaris ATV service is recommended every 50 – 100 hours when used for 1,000 miles annually. Vehicle use does not meet these limits. Applicant must revise line items to a more realistic request based on actual usage.
- Equipment Purchase #1 “Polaris 570 EPS ATV x2” – Cost is excessive, 2026 Polaris 570 EPS ATV are \$7,999. Applicant to provide further details and justification. Applicant currently has 2 ATVs, Applicant must justify the need for

two more when staffing level vs patrol hours vs amount of current equipment seems redundant. Applicant must submit disposition forms for older equipment prior to purchase if approved.

- Others #1 "Trailer" – Applicant to justify new trailer when awarded grant funds for same request 20' trailer in G24 project.
- Indirect Costs #1 & 2 "Tires 26x9x12R" – Applicant can move to a direct cost line item under Equipment Use Expense as long as tires will be used for OHV funded equipment.
- Indirect Cost #3 "Windshield" – Applicant must clarify is side by side was purchased with OHV trust fund dollars. If not, line item is ineligible and must be removed.
- Indirect Cost #3 "Skid Plates" – Applicant must clarify if KTM was purchased with OHV trust fund dollars. If not, line item is ineligible and must be removed.
- Indirect Costs #6 "Shovel" – Line item is ineligible. Applicant reminded small brush fires are not a justified reason/eligible for OHV funding. Applicant must clarify if this tool will be for OHV purposes I.E assisting with OHV recovery operations for stuck OHVs while on patrol.
- Indirect Costs #7 "McLeod Tool" – Line item is ineligible. Applicant reminded small brush fires are not a justified reason/eligible for OHV funding. McLeod Tool is a predominantly wildland firefighting tool. Applicant must remove line item.
- Indirect Costs #16 "Pelican Case" – Applicant advised a Pelican case for long guns is not an indirect/eligible item. Applicant can update application and look into a permanent gun rack type solution as an Indirect Cost line item if they can justify the nexus to OHV recreation.
- Indirect Costs #17 "Spare Tire w/Wheel Polaris Ranger" – Applicant to clarify further. Is this a spare wheel mount, or a spare wheel/tire. If just the physical wheel/tire, how will this be mounted safely to the Polaris Ranger. Applicant also advises purchasing equipment to change the wheel/tire. Are you buying a tire changing kit with these funds? This should be a separate line item.
- Indirect Costs #18 "Spare Tire w/Wheel Polaris ATV" – Applicant to clarify further. Is this a spare wheel mount, or a spare wheel/tire. If just the physical wheel/tire, how will this be mounted safely to the Polaris ATV. Applicant also advises purchasing equipment to change the wheel/tire. Are you buying a tire changing kit with these funds? This should be a separate line item.
- Indirect Costs #19 "Decal Wraps" – Costs seems excessive. Per last grant site visit, applicant had custom decals for their current MXs, ATVs and ROVs. 1000.00 per new set seems high when they should just be paying for reprints and not an initial design fee.

Law Enforcement: G26-03-14-L02

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Applicant must provide further details about projects “designated OHV riding areas” as statements made appear to show little to no legal OHV opportunities as well as patrolling tribal land for illegal OHV use, which is also not eligible, warranting total rejection of the proposed Project.
- Item #1 – Applicant is advised that patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreational activities is not eligible for Project activities as they do not have an OHV nexus. For example, patrolling for the following is not eligible: illegal shooting, health and safety codes, municipal codes, penal codes, California Vehicles Codes not related to §38000, noise control not related to OHVs, trespassing. The use of an OHV vehicle does not make it an OHV nexus.
- Item #2 – Applicant needs to provide further details of legal OHV recreation areas within jurisdiction of proposed project.
- Item #3 – Applicants proposed projects staff hours, Materials / Supplies and indirect costs seem excessive compared to the number of patrols stated (1 day a month).

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #3 – Applicant mentions plans are underway to develop a joint OHV enforcement and education program allowing deputies to accompany Tribal Public Safety personnel during patrols. Applicant should provide further details on what this will entail. Applicant is reminded of private and tribal land is not public land which is open to legal OHV recreation and therefore enforcement of division 16.5 and CVC 38000 section does not apply.
- #9 – Applicant advises no in-lieu of tax funds received due to this being tribal land, again showing no legal OHV recreation available in this project.
- #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. *§ 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 & 2 “Sheriff’s Sergeant” – Applicant must briefly describe the duties to be performed on the project during the project performance period. Provided

description sounds administrative which would be more appropriate with an indirect cost.

- Materials / Supplies All line items – Items requested seem excessive for the amount of dedicated OHV patrol stated (once a month). Applicant must revise those that are still eligible.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Helmet Shroud” – Line item is ineligible. No known DOT legal OHV helmets that accept the use of a helmet mount. It is unclear how the use of a helmet mount for NVGs on OHV patrol and enforcement is appropriate. Applicant must remove line item.
- Materials / Supplies #2: “Helmet Mount” – Line item is ineligible. No known DOT legal OHV helmets that accept the use of a helmet mount. It is unclear how the use of a helmet mount for NVGs on OHV patrol and enforcement is appropriate. Applicant must remove line item.
- Indirect Cost #1 “Tripod Spotting Scope” – It is unclear how this item is indirectly related to OHV recreation patrol. Applicant must further clarify the need.
- Indirect Costs #2 “Binocular HDX 12x42” – Excessive ask compared to other like projects. Applicant to justify/provide further details on how the HDX 12x42 are critical over other binoculars.
- Indirect Costs #4 “Sledgehammer Collapsible” – Line item is ineligible. A breaching tool is not a justified reason/eligible for OHV funding. Applicant must remove line item.
- Indirect Costs #5 “Halligan Tool” – Line item is ineligible. A breaching tool is not a justified reason/eligible for OHV funding. Applicant must remove line item.

Law Enforcement: G26-03-14-L03

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Applicant mentioned illegal OHV use/use in residential neighborhoods and streets. Applicant is reminded that patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreational activities is not eligible for Project activities as they do not have an OHV nexus. For example, patrolling for the following is not eligible: illegal shooting, health and safety codes, municipal codes, penal codes, California Vehicles Codes not related to §38000, noise control not related to OHVs, trespassing. The use of an OHV vehicle does not make it an OHV nexus.
- Item #1– Applicant to clarify what a crash related helmet for OHV deployments is.

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- #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. *§ 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 & 2 “Sheriff’s Sergeant” – Applicant must briefly describe the duties to be performed on the project during the project performance period. Provided description sounds administrative which would be more appropriate with an indirect cost.
- Staff #3 “Sheriff’s Corporal” – Applicant must briefly describe the duties to be performed on the project during the project performance period. Provided description sounds administrative which would be more appropriate with an indirect cost.
- Staff #4 “Deputy Sheriff” – Applicant must briefly describe the duties to be performed on the project during the project performance period.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Helmet w/Comm Kit” – Line item appears excessive compared to like projects. Applicant to provide further detail on brands/types of helmets and comm systems they are quoting.
- Indirect Costs #1 “ROV Driver Coach Training Course” – Applicant to clarify if this is a basic driver course or a train the trainer. Basic course would need to be moved under a direct line item, if train the trainer can remain as an indirect cost.

Law Enforcement: G26-03-14-L04

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Grant request appears excessive in relation to OHV opportunity that exists within Project Area. Applicant is reminded that the overwhelming majority of the Project should be focused on the enforcement of CVC § 38000 (Division 16.5). Enforcement for anything not related to OHV Recreation is ineligible. In addition, the use of a dual sport motorcycle, ATV or ROV in regular patrol enforcement does not constitute OHV Recreation patrol. Applicant must revise the section to remove any ineligible activities. In addition, Applicant must clarify how OHV patrol activities will be clearly distinguished from routine services.
- Item #1 – Patrol targeting users engaged in the illegal operation of off-highway vehicles upon highways, roads, and streets is an ineligible project activity. The use of an OHV vehicle does not make it an OHV nexus.
- Item #1 – Applicant is advised that patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreational activities is not eligible for Project activities as they do not have an OHV nexus. For example, patrolling for the following is not eligible: illegal shooting, health and safety codes, municipal codes, penal codes, California Vehicles Codes not related to §38000, noise control not related to OHVs, trespassing.
- Item #2 – Applicant needs to provide further details of legal OHV recreation areas within the jurisdiction of the proposed Project.

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 areas and/or OHV designated routes within its jurisdiction. *§ 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 & 2 “Sheriff’s Sergeant” – Applicant must briefly describe the duties to be performed on the project during the project performance period. Provided description sounds administrative which would be more appropriate with an indirect cost.
- Staff #3 “Sheriff’s Corporal” – Applicant must briefly describe the duties to be performed on the project during the project performance period. Provided description sounds administrative which would be more appropriate with an indirect cost.

Law Enforcement: G26-03-14-L05

Need Assessment

- Item #4 – Applicant to provide further details/clarification on current vehicles being utilized for patrol, types , and quantities. Applicant advises in Item #1 they currently have 1 Polaris ATV and are requesting 1 more Polaris ATV through the new equipment grant. Applicant PCE Equipment Purchases Line item #1 Polaris Side x Side RZR. Does applicant currently have an ATV or ROV.

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 areas and/or OHV designated routes within its jurisdiction. *§ 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 & 2 “Sheriff’s Sergeant” – Applicant must briefly describe the duties to be performed on the project during the project performance period. Provided description sounds administrative which would be more appropriate with an indirect cost.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “50 – hr. interval service...” – Line-item costs seem excessive as related to use. Polaris ATV service is recommended every 50 – 100 hours when used for 1,000 miles annually. Vehicle use does not meet these limits. Applicant must revise line items to a more realistic request based on actual usage.
- Equipment Purchases #1 “Polaris Side x Side RZR” – Applicant must advise if 100% of this equipment’s use will be exclusively on the project patrolling for OHV recreation. Applicant is reminded that equipment purchased 100% with grant funds cannot be utilized for anything other than project activities.
- Others #1 “Trailer 16’ Flatbed” – Applicant to provide further detail/justify the need for (2) new trailers.
- Indirect Costs #2 “Pelican Cargo Case” – Applicant must provide further details on model/dimensions and how this will be mounted securely to the OHV. Applicant to justify brand choice as cost is excessive compared to like projects.
- Indirect Costs #6 – Helmet Intercom System – Applicant to provide further details on type of intercom system. Is this a separate built helmet with comms or a plug and play system that can be used with helmet request in Materials / Supplies Line item #1.

Law Enforcement: G26-03-14-L06

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Grant request appears excessive in relation to OHV opportunity that exists within Project Area. Applicant is reminded that the overwhelming majority of the Project should be focused on the enforcement of CVC § 38000 (Division 16.5). Enforcement for anything not related to OHV Recreation is ineligible. In addition, the use of a dual sport motorcycle or ROV in regular patrol enforcement does not constitute OHV Recreation patrol. Applicant must revise the section to remove any ineligible activities. In addition, Applicant must clarify how OHV patrol activities will be clearly distinguished from routine services.
- Item #1 – Applicant is also reminded that equipment purchased with OHV grant funds can only be used for OHV patrol with a direct focus on enforcement of CVC Division 16.5. Patrol targeting users engaged in the illegal operation of off-highway vehicles upon highways, roads, and streets is an ineligible project activity.
- Item #1 – Applicant is advised that patrolling for anything other than OHV Recreational activities is not eligible for Project activities as they do not have an OHV nexus. For example, patrolling for the following is not eligible: illegal

shooting, health and safety codes, municipal codes, penal codes, California Vehicles Codes not related to §38000, noise control not related to OHVs, trespassing. The use of an OHV vehicle does not make it an OHV nexus.

- Item #2 – Applicant must provide further detail on project justification. Applicant is reminded there must be a nexus to OHV recreation, enforcement of OHV on highway or private land is not applicable.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #1 – Applicant reminded OHV on highways/ city and county streets is not applicable and not enforceable under div 16.5 / CVC 38000.
- #1 – Applicant to specify further on areas with cultural resources that have been impacted by OHV recreation use and areas of critical environmental concern that near OHV areas and have seen illegal OHV use.
- #2 – Applicant to explain how project is related to OHV recreation, will sustain OHV recreation, will maintain motorized access to non – motorized recreation and maintain OHV opportunities in the Project Area when applicant states no trails or legal OHV recreation exists.
- #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. *§ 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.*

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- Staff #3 “Deputy Sheriff” – Crafting reports” maintaining data, review online complaints are indirect duties. Applicant must revise to move these items to the indirect cost category and adjust line-item cost accordingly.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “50 – hr interval service...” – Line-item costs seem excessive as related to use. Polaris service is recommended every 50 – 100 hours when used for 1,000 miles annually. Vehicle use does not meet these limits. Applicant must revise line items to a more realistic request based on actual usage.
- Equipment Purchases #1 “Polaris UTV” – Applicant must advise if 100% of this equipment’s use will be exclusively on the project patrolling for OHV recreation.

Applicant is reminded that equipment purchased 100% with grant funds cannot be utilized for anything other than project activities. Additionally, cost appears excessive compared to Applicants other requests for similar Equipment. Applicant must revise line-item total.

- Indirect Costs #3 “Shovel” – Line item is ineligible. Applicant reminded small brush fires are not a justified reason/eligible for OHV funding. Applicant must clarify if this tool will be for OHV purposes I.E assisting with OHV recovery operations for stuck OHVs while on patrol.
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