

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program San Diego County Sheriff's Department'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: G26-03-17-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Applicant must further describe the enforcement project including geographical area served, educational outreach, and circumstances unique to

the Applicant. 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 intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property. Applicant has included answers to Items within the certification section in this needs assessment that is not relevant.

- Item #4 – In response to the prompt, Applicant failed to specify the types of vehicles used. Describe the conditions that justify or require the use of various vehicles by type and use. Describe conditions that justify or require the quantity of personnel needed for various types of deployment. Applicant must describe the hours that will be worked.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #1 – Applicant has not included any indication of patrol where legal OHV Recreation is occurring. Routine patrol deployments should be justified through a priority law enforcement need. Applicant is advised to include all areas that are prioritized for routine deployments and specify the reason for frequent presence (high priority).
- #9 – Applicant is reminded that in – lieu funds must be used for OHV Recreation. If these funds are not currently being used the Applicant must describe how the OHV in – lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's 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 #6 “Reserve Deputy Sheriff” – Description of duties appears to include civilian volunteers that would only be eligible at a separate Rate in a separate line item. The value for unpaid volunteers would only be eligible as a Match at the volunteer rate found on independentsector.org at the start of the grant cycle. Applicant must revise line item to remove time for volunteers and create a new line item.
- Equipment Purchases #1 “Off Road street legal vehicles” – Applicant requested the purchase of two off – road street – legal vehicles in the prior cycle that were dropped from final agreement at the Applicant’s discretion. This appears to demonstrate no more than one vehicle is practical to purchase within a single

performance period and some proportion of Match may be necessary to accomplish this Deliverable. New Quantity of three appears excessive. Applicant must revise.

- Others # 4, 5, & 6 – If Line item includes time for volunteers as mentioned in Item #1 Needs assessment, rate must be adjusted to the rate for volunteers found on independentsector.org at the start of the Grant cycle.