

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Santa Barbara 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: G26-03-87-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Applicant states, "Since there are no areas within the sole jurisdiction of the SBSO to lawfully operate OHVs, Santa Barbara County enacted county

ordinances in 2008 to prohibit operating OHVs on unimproved public property.” The Applicant’s jurisdiction has no legal OHV riding opportunities. Grant request appears excessive in relation to OHV Recreation opportunity. Provide additional information. 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.

- Item #1 – Applicant is reminded that patrol for littering, illegal bonfires, illegal fireworks, alcohol and drug – related offenses, vandalism of private property (damage to crops, cutting fences and gate locks), and injured livestock are all ineligible Project activities.
- Item # 2 – Applicant must provide a clear connection to OHV Recreation, which is defined in T14 CCR 4970.01(jj) – “OHV Recreation” means the activity of driving or riding motorized vehicles, on lands to which CVC Division 16.5 applies, for leisure purposes including motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation activities. Applicant must explain how their project will help sustain existing OHV recreation. Applicant must explain how the project will maintain OHV opportunities in the Project Area.
- Item #2 – Applicant must provide further clarifying information to answer the question. Applicant must Include number of trails available for OHV Recreation, acres of open riding available that are being patrolled on, and types of recreation off-highway vehicles that are being addressed/contacted while on patrol.
- Item #3 – Applicant must provide further clarifying details and include number of patrol shifts during project performance period, outline the number of days allocated for patrol with consideration to weekends, major holidays or periods of high impact, include a justification for increase of days requested from previous applications.
- Item #3 – Applicant must provide further justification on how the use of helicopters and mounted units are the most practicable use of OHV funds for patrolling for users on off-highway vehicles partaking in off-highway recreation.
- Item #4 – Applicant is reminded that the use of off-highway vehicles for the purposes of patrol does not constitute patrol for OHV recreation. Applicant is reminded that the overwhelming majority of patrols on the project must be targeted at individuals actively engaged in OHV recreation.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #2 – Applicant must further describe out the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area.
- #3 – The Applicant states that they work closely with local and federal agencies for OHV enforcement. The Applicant must state if a specific MOU or other written agreement exists with those agencies.

- #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. *§ 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 “Law Enforcement Officers” – Applicant states in description that the quantity has decreased slightly. When compared to last year’s application, hours have increased by 120 hours. 480 hrs. in G25 as compared to 600 hrs. in G26. Applicant also states 60 Shifts which lasts 8 hours in duration. This would equate to 480 hrs. vs. the 600 hrs. estimated in line item. Applicant must provide further clarification.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “Supplies-goggles” – Applicant must further clarify the need for 20 Items as only 10 helmets are being requested. Quantity is excessive.
- Materials / Supplies #3 “Supplies-gloves” – Applicant must further clarify the need for 27 Items as only 10 helmets are being requested. Quantity is excessive.
- Equipment Use Expense #2 “SBSO ASU” – Cost seems excessive. Applicant must articulate how 3 hours of flight time is beneficial to the project. Applicant also must explain discrepancy between description (approximately 8 hours flight time) vs line-item estimate (3 hours).
- Equipment Purchases #1 “Ford F250 4x4” – Cost seems excessive when compared to usefulness on Project and when compared to amount of OHV Recreation opportunities on Project. Applicant must further justify how often this \$70,000 piece of equipment will be used on the Project and applicant must clarify that this piece of equipment will be used 100% percent of its life for Project activities. Additionally, line item appears duplicative to Equipment Use Expense #1. Applicant must explain why 2 tow vehicles are needed on Project.
- Equipment Purchase #2 “Honda Pioneer 1000” – Cost seems excessive when compared to amount of OHV recreational opportunities on project. Applicant already has OHV grant funded 2017 Ranger Crew ROV on project. Applicant must further justify why existing ROV is insufficient on project and another ROV is needed.
- Others #1 “Vehicle Maintenance” – Applicant must further clarify the need for maintenance to be completed monthly. Line-item request seems excessive.
- Indirect #7 “Long sleeve protective uniform...” – Applicant must further clarify the need for 29 Items being requested. Quantity is excessive.
- Indirect #8 “Long sleeve protective sweatshirt...” – Applicant must further clarify the need for 29 Items being requested. Quantity is excessive.