

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Sierra Avalanche Center'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).

Education and Safety: G26-04-51-S01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

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- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must clarify the duration of the Level 1 and Level 2 courses.
- #2 – Applicant must clarify how many OHV avalanche awareness community events they intend on participating. In addition, Applicant must clarify the duration of each event.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #2 “Avalanche Education Instructors (AEIs)” – Applicant must clarify the methodology used to determine the QTY, as activities are the same as the prior year’s Application, however the hours increased.
- Staff #3 “Professional Observers (Pos)” – Applicant shall further clarify the methodology to support the QTY being requested. In addition, Applicant shall clarify how many observers are being utilized within the line item and clarify whether the hourly rate is weighted similar to the previous year’s Application.
- Contracts All Line Items – Applicant must clarify the source of match for each line item.
- Contracts #1 “TNF Collection Agreement” – Applicant shall clarify if the Equipment being utilized within this contract is Grant funded.
- Contracts #2 “Web Maintenance and Development” – Applicant must clarify what percent of the website is specific to OHV.
- Contracts #4 “Educational Materials” – Applicant must provide the methodology in the notes section to support the cost of the materials. Furthermore, Applicant must spell out the acronym “EC” as it is unclear. Lastly, Applicant must remove the activity and any associated costs for “distribution to shops” as the shops are not in the Project Area.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Safety and Miscellaneous Field” – Applicant must revise the narrative to only list what is needed on this Project as “may include” is unclear. In addition, Applicant must clarify the quantity of staff members requiring each item. Furthermore, Applicant must clarify which supplies have surpassed their useful life. Lastly, tunnel bags are considered an indirect cost. Applicant must move the line item to the Indirect Costs category.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Project Specific Mileage” – Applicant shall clarify what Project activities are included in “duties directly related to the Project” and the methodology used to calculate the total QTY. In addition, Applicant is reminded that Equipment operation is limited to 150 miles per day as a direct cost, with the remaining cost as match and Equipment transportation is limited to 100 miles per day as a direct cost, with the remaining cost as match.

- Others #1 “Marketing and Advertising” – Applicant must clarify what percent of the marketing and advertising is specific to OHV activities. In addition, Applicant shall provide the methodology to support the Rate.