

## **2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Angeles National Forest's Preliminary Application Comments**

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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).

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### **General Evaluation Criteria:**

- No comment.

## **Ground Operations: G26-02-01-G01**

### **Project Description – Background**

- Applicant must clarify which staff positions are “fully funded with federal funds” and confirm whether Grant funds are also being requested for those same positions in this Application. If a position is fully funded by federal funds, Grant funds may not be requested for the same position.

### **Project Description – Project Description**

- Applicant listed “Spring Camp” as a Project location while the Forest’s website shows it is currently closed due to the Bobcat Fire. Applicant must clarify whether this campground shall be reopened by the start of the Project performance period. If the campground shall remain closed, the narrative, deliverable and any costs associated with the deliverable must be removed.
- Applicant has included specific Project Deliverable activities within the Project Description section. Applicant must relocate the duplicated information to the appropriate line item within the List of Project Deliverables section. In addition, Applicant has included "Maintenance of... 1 mile MC only trails". Applicant must clarify which trail(s) will be maintained and ensure the activity is listed under Project Deliverable #1.
- Applicant's notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Soil monitoring activities shall be in compliance with the 2020 Soil Standard and Guidelines.

### **Project Description – List of Project Deliverables**

- #1 – Applicant must clarify which specific "9 miles of OHV trail & 1/2 miles of FS level 2 road" will be maintained in this proposed Project. In addition, Applicant is reminded that monitoring is not an eligible activity under Project Deliverable #1 but should be included under Project Deliverable #7 or Project Deliverable - Other.
- #2 & 3 – Applicant must clarify whether the "Kids Area Loop" and "Open Area" referenced in the Project Description will be maintained under this Application. If these areas are included in the scope of work, Applicant must ensure they are clearly identified within the appropriate Project Deliverables. Additionally, if the Kids Area Loop is being maintained, Applicant must clarify how frequently maintenance activities will be conducted in that area.
- #7 – "OHV staff regularly monitor for any breaches of the barrier system in the closed sections" appears to be a Restoration activity. Applicant must clarify how the activity is related to this proposed Ground Operations Project or remove the verbiage and associated costs.

### **Project Description – All Others**

- No comment.

## Project Cost Estimate

- All Staff Line Items – Due to recent federal staffing reductions, Applicant must confirm that all staff positions listed in this Application are currently filled prior to the final Application submission.
- All Line Items – Applicant has duplicated the staff line item name within each line item note. Applicant must remove the redundant language to ensure each line item name appears only once.
- Staff #1-4 & 12 – The percentage of staff time spent working on Project Deliverable #1 is unclear. Applicant must clarify what portion of staff time will be dedicated to the maintenance of OHV trails and roads within the line item notes.
- Staff #1 "OHV-Field Manager" – Applicant's notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Costs did not increase from previous year's Application.
- Staff #8 "Soils Scientist" – The proposed quantity of hours for this position appears excessive when compared to other specialist positions within this Project, given that the scope of work for this role is described as more limited within the Project Description. Applicant must provide a clear explanation of the methodology used to determine the number of hours requested for this position and demonstrate that it is reasonable relative to the Project Deliverables.
- Staff #12 "Volunteer/Inmates" – Applicant must clarify whether the inmate crews are volunteers or paid positions. If the inmate crews are not volunteers but paid positions, the associated costs may not exceed their actual rate of pay, and Applicant must move these positions to their own separate line item within the Contracts cost category. In addition, Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the line item cost was determined, including the specific locations and number of miles of roads and trails to be maintained in relation to Project Deliverable #1. It is unclear from the Project Description which agencies are responsible for maintaining which specific miles of road and trail.
- Contract #1 "Restroom Vault Cleaning" – Applicant's notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Costs did not increase from previous year's Application.
- Contract #2 "Road Repair" – Applicant must provide the supporting contract documentation referenced in the line item notes as part of the final Application submission.
- Materials / Supplies #2 "Supplies - Barrier" – Compared to like Projects, the proposed cost for this line item appears excessive. Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the cost was determined.
- Materials / Supplies #4 "Supplies - Miscellaneous" – Applicant must clarify the meaning of "Extra \$1,000... taken from kiosk signs money from last year". It is unclear how kiosk money from the previous year is related to this proposed line item.
- Indirect Costs #1 "Accounting and Billing" – Compared to like Projects, the proposed cost for this line item appears excessive. Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the cost was determined, including the precise scope and amount of work to be conducted. In addition, Applicant must change the unit of measure to reflect the quantity of hours and hourly rate used to determine the line item total.