

# **2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Humboldt-Toiyabe NF - Patrol District'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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## **Law Enforcement: G26-02-24-L01**

### **Need Assessment**

- Item #1 – Applicant must clarify the authority of FPOs to legally conduct vehicle stops to enforce California Vehicle Code violations or otherwise describe how

“ability to issue citations” practically translates to contribution to enforce Division 16.5 of the California Vehicle Code. Applicant must clarify if FPOs that are proposed to engage in OHV law enforcement patrol Deliverables are strictly working in coordination with LEOs that are available to directly respond to reports of legal violations.

- Item #1 – Applicant must clarify if reported OHV visitation estimates are based upon statistics and identify the general methodology.

### **Needs Enforcement Certification**

- #4 – The response that this Project will not address special events is adequate. Applicant is advised that “privately sponsored OHV events” does not mean “private events” where the public may be excluded, rather any event that meets the jurisdictional threshold to require an event permit. Administrative costs associated with the processing of permits are not law enforcement costs, which refers to an additional need for law enforcement presence due to the character of the event.
- #6 – Applicant must clarify if and how FPOs may practically enforce provisions of Division 16.5 of the California Vehicle Code without the direct support of LEOs.

### **Project Cost Estimate**

- Materials / Supplies #1 “Maps, Signage, Pamphlets” – Applicant must provide an itemized cost justification for this value estimate. Total cost appears excessive for an unspecified quantity of Items. Additionally, Signage appears duplicative with Materials / Supplies #5.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “OHV Helmets” – The \$600 cost rate is inconsistent with the description.
- Materials / Supplies #3 “OHV Gloves” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how the cost was determined.
- Materials / Supplies #4 “Sound Level Meter” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how the cost was determined.
- Materials / Supplies #5 “Educational Table & Information Displays” – Line item is indirect. Applicant must move the line to the Indirect Cost category. Additionally, the cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how the cost was determined.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 & 2 – Applicant must further define how costs were determined. Use days for patrol is inconsistent with the narrative of time for staff patrol hours.
- Equipment Use Expenses #3 “Vehicle Maintenance” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how the cost was determined.
- Equipment Use Expenses #4 “Snowmobile Fuel” – Applicant must revise quantity and rate to match that of the narrative box.