

# **2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Los Padres 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: G26-02-28-L01**

### **Need Assessment**

- Item #2 – Applicant must describe types of recreation vehicles that are being addressed while on patrol.

## **Needs Enforcement Certification**

- #5 – Applicant must explain its public education program that includes information on safety programs in the area and how the public is to report OHV violations.

## **Project Cost Estimate**

- Staff #1 “Law Enforcement Officers and PC” – Applicant must explain the need for a 40% increase in quantity of hours in comparison to the previous Grant cycle.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Safety Gear” – Duplicate Item from previous year application. Applicant must explain if the new staff hire is different from last year’s application.
- Other #1 “Travel Per Diem” – Applicant is reminded that Per diem costs for its own staff is not an allowable expense Item. Per diem may only be charged when a staff is on travel outside of their duty location, which in this case is the entire Los Padres Forest.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Grant purchased motorcycle upfitting” – Applicant must describe the recently purchased motorcycle. Applicant is reminded that upgrades on Equipment not purchased through the Grants Program are eligible only if solely assigned to OHV Patrol.
- Indirect Costs #2 “Overhead” – Applicant is reminded that only administrative charges directly related to the Project are eligible under an OHV law enforcement Grant. Applicant must identify what “Overhead” is and how it relates to the OHV Law Enforcement Project, or remove the line item from the application.