

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Mendocino NF - Patrol District'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: G26-02-36-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – The 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. The 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.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #4 – The Applicant is advised that OHV Grant funds (this Project) may not be applied to law enforcement needs wholly generated by privately sponsored events.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “Law Enforcement Officers” – Notes mention match, but the line item is solely a grant request. Applicant must provide the GS level of staff and a breakdown of the quantity of hours being requested.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Vehicle operations and maintenance” – Applicant is advised to identify equipment with significantly varied maintenance costs separately. Trailers do not meet the definition of equipment and must be moved to the Others category. Line item must be adjusted to remove those costs.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 “Vehicle operations” – Applicant may only claim fuel at a per-gallon rate, not a per-mile rate. Applicant must revise the line item to show a per-gallon quantity, rate, and a UOM of each without increasing the line-item total. Additionally, Applicant is reminded that fuel receipts must be submitted to justify fuel costs.