

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - San Bernardino 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: G26-02-40-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – Applicant must include geographical area served.

- Item #2 – Applicant must include types of recreation vehicles that are being addressed while on patrol.
- Item #4 – Applicant must specify types of vehicles used for patrol.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “USFS Law Enforcement Officer (LEO)” – Applicant must identify how many LEOs make up this line item.
- Staff #2 “USFS Forest Protection Officers (FPO)” – Applicant must identify how many FPO’s make up this line item.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Trailer Maintenance” – Cost seems excessive for annual trailer maintenance. Applicant must further clarify how the cost was determined. Applicant is reminded that costs exceeding \$750, not found in the manufacturer’s recommended maintenance schedule, is considered a major repair. Applicant should clarify which pieces of grant funded equipment needs service.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 “OHV Vehicle Maintenance” – Cost seems excessive. Applicant must clarify how this amount was calculated and specify which OHV vehicles are in need of service. Applicant must clarify if the vehicles were purchased with Grant funds. Only Equipment purchased with Grant funds may have maintenance funded.
- Other #1 “Travel” – 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 San Bernardino Forest.