

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Sequoia 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: G26-02-34-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – The Applicant appears to describe that this Project will serve as a point of contact on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Applicant must clarify how the PCT

directly relates to OHV trails or other OHV Opportunities that will sustain long-term OHV Recreation and what is meant by a point of contact.

- Item #2 – The Applicant must quantify OHV Opportunities within the jurisdiction. “Roads” that would classify as a “highway” under California law and non-motorized trails do not qualify as OHV Opportunities that may be identified for OHV patrol. Patrol of non-motorized wilderness areas is not applicable for this Project. Applicant must revise to be primarily constrained to law enforcement needs that are directly related to OHV Recreation. Hundreds of miles of roads in contrast with only several miles of OHV trails described elsewhere appear to indicate intentions for law enforcement patrol Deliverables may not be appropriately constrained to areas of OHV Recreation. Additionally, Applicant begins to describe, “The types of vehicles that will be used are.” The intent of this incomplete statement is not adequately clear.
- Item #3 – The Applicant must clarify the role and contribution of FPO staff to OHV law enforcement needs including a description of how enforcement of OHV registration and other provisions of Division 16.5 of California Vehicle Code are enforceable. The Applicant must clarify FPO enforcement policy in context of traffic enforcement including the ability to conduct vehicle stops, operate emergency vehicles, enforce CVC provisions and directly coordinate with LEOs while engaged in Project Deliverables. The Applicant must clarify what OHV laws are directly enforceable by FPOs.
- Item #4 – The Applicant describes hiking as a Deliverable. The Applicant must clarify how this activity is directly related to law enforcement in areas associated with the operation of off-highway motor vehicles. The Applicant is advised that such activities currently appear ineligible without adequate clarification.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #1 – The Applicant must identify the area where OHV law enforcement patrol would be appropriately applied to address an eligible need. If OHV trails or other OHV Opportunities do not intersect with environmentally sensitive areas, it is not necessary to describe them in the Project Description.
- #5 – The Applicant did not adequately describe how information regarding how the public can report OHV operation violations is dispersed and shared with the public. Examples might typically include web-based and physical displays or signage, such as at visitor information facilities and trailhead structures or pamphlets and maps that are published.
- #6 – Applicant must provide additional detail demonstrating how its training program educates Patrol Personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “Law Enforcement Personnel” – The Applicant is advised to remove irrelevant references from the narrative section of the line item and revise

Quantity and Rate values as appropriate. FPO must be listed under a separate line item. The Applicant is advised that the quantity of support staff hours should be proportionate with availability of LEO personnel to assist and respond to observation and reporting of law enforcement needs.

- Staff #2 “Dispatch Service” – Job duties as listed are Indirect Costs. Applicant must move the line item to the Indirect Cost category. The Applicant must clarify what classification of non-sworn personnel has the authority to enforce state law. If this line is in reference to FPO, applicant must revise line-item notes and adjust Staff #1 to remove reference to FPO and any time associated with that position.
- Materials / Supplies #1 “Signs” – Signs requested seem duplicative of the USFS Sequoia GO application. Applicant must further define differences.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “Education Materials” – Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.
- Materials / Supplies #3 “Helmets” – Line-item quantity does not match the notes section. Applicant must remove quantity 1 to a total of 3.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Maintenance” – The 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. Additionally, Equipment inventory appears to include only one (1) trailer and two (2) utility vehicles. This is inconsistent with the declaration of seven (7) total vehicles. Maintenance costs may only be applied to equipment acquired solely with funds from this Grants program.
- Others #1 “Fuel Cost” – Line item is an Equipment Use Expense. Applicant must move the line item to the Equipment Use Expense category.