

## **2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Shasta-Trinity National Forest'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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### **Education and Safety: G26-02-16-S01**

#### **Project Description – Background**

- No comment.

## **Project Description – Project Description**

- Applicant shall remove Project Deliverables from the Project Description section that are not consistent with the List of Project Deliverables and Project Cost Estimate. In addition, Applicant shall clarify what “maintenance of 5 separate weather stations” entails as it is unclear what kind of maintenance will be completed.

## **Project Description – List of Project Deliverables**

- #1 – Applicant shall clarify the duration of each of the four trainings and whether they are classroom and/or field training.

## **Project Description – All Others**

- Identify of the needs the Project will address – The following activities are considered Ground Operations, “maintenance of boundary delineations and trailhead signage...” and must be removed from the section.
- Location where training/services will be conducted – Applicant shall further clarify the locations as it is unclear where the classroom and/or field trainings will occur.
- If the proposed Project contains an Education element... – The following activities are considered Ground Operations, “...the volunteer ambassadors assist with maintaining boundary signs...” and “trailhead markings” and must be removed from the section.

## **Project Cost Estimate**

- All Staff Line Items – Due to recent federal staffing reductions, Applicant must confirm that all staff positions listed in this Application are currently filled prior to the final Application submission. In addition, Applicant must revise each line item to clarify the GS level.
- Staff #1 “Two Meteorological Technicians” – Applicant lists “installs avalanche signs” however the activity is not supported by the Project Deliverables section. Applicant shall either remove the activity or update the Project Deliverables section to include avalanche signs. In addition, Applicant must clarify the increase in QTY as the duties have not increased from the prior year’s Application.
- Staff #3 “Avalanche Center Director” – Applicant must clarify the increase in QTY as the duties have not increased from the prior year’s Application. In addition, Applicant lists “develops brochures... installs avalanche signs” however the activity is not supported by the Project Deliverables section. Applicant shall either remove the activity or update the Project Deliverables section.
- Contracts #1 & 3 – Applicant shall clarify the source of match for each line item.
- Equipment Use Expenses #3 & 4 – Applicant must split the maintenance and fuel into separate line items. In addition, Applicant must clarify the type of maintenance the snowmobiles require. Lastly, Applicant is reminded that fuel receipts must be submitted to justify fuel costs.