

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Sierra 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: G26-02-35-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – References CVC 3800 at end of first paragraph, which is not a valid CVC code. Applicant must revise.

- Item #3 – Applicant to justify increase in hours found under Staff #2 FPO and Staff #3 Dispatch from previous year.
- Item #4 – Applicant must revise to include the specific types of vehicles that are used for patrol.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff All Line Items – Applicant to clarify if Staff line items are for normal hours worked or overtime. If both, overtime should be factored as a separate staff line item. Applicant must describe the duties to be performed on the Project during the Project Performance Period.
- Staff #2 “Forest Protection Officers” – Applicant to explain/justify 74% increase in FPO hours from G25 to G26 (no explanation given in LE Needs section Item #3). Additionally, providing grant documentation and court time are Indirect Costs. Applicant must revise line item to move these job duties and associated hours and costs to the Indirect Cost category.
- Staff #3 “Dispatch” – Applicant to explain/justify increase in dispatch hours from G25 to G26 (no explanation given in LE Needs section Item #3). If dispatch is a county staff, line item must be moved to Contract category.
- Staff #4 “Officer Match” – Applicant must describe the duties to be performed on the Project during the Project Performance Period.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “Riding & Safety gloves” – Line-item rate does not match that which is listed in the line-item notes. Applicant must revise line-item rate to match the notes section.
- Materials /Supplies #3 “Enforcement Signage & Hardwear” – Line item appears duplicative of Sierra National Forest Ground Operations Materials / Supplies line item #4 “Trailhead signs/information boards”. Applicant must clarify how they are different or remove line item.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Maintenance and Repairs” –. Applicant must justify 100% increase in line-item cost from the G25 request.