

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Stanislaus 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: G26-02-32-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #1 – OSV Intrusions – Applicant is reminded that time identifying resource damage and wilderness intrusions from OSV usage must be billed to the OSV

grooming contract. Applicant must clarify if the intrusions being discussed are outside of the areas covered in the OSV grooming contract, and if not it must be removed from this Needs Assessment as it is already being funded in the grooming contract. Applicant must ensure there is no duplication.

Needs Enforcement Certification

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Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “LEO” – Hourly rate seems excessive when compared to other similar USFS Patrol District Projects. Applicant must specify rank and separate different ranks into their own line item. Applicant must justify the \$30/hr increase from last Grant cycle.
- Staff #2 “FPO OHV Manager” – The Project activities listed appear to relate to Ground Operations Project. Applicant must clarify how the proposed Project activities directly align with OHV Law Enforcement and do not duplicate the Project activities performed under the USFS - Stanislaus National Forest Ground Operations Project. Additionally, OSV Sno – Park and groomed trail work is ineligible as motorized Sno–Park work and groomed trail work must be billed to the OSV grooming contract. Line item must be revised to remove duties and costs associated.
- Staff #3 “FPO Recreation Technician” – Hourly rate seems excessive compared to like Projects. Applicant must justify the \$15/hr increase from last Grant cycle.
- Staff #4 “FPO Fire Protection” – Hourly rate seems excessive as compared to like projects. Applicant must justify the \$20/hr increase from last Grant cycle. Additionally, Applicant is reminded that Fire Prevention is not an eligible Project activity. Staff time must be focused on OHV Law Enforcement Patrol efforts.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “Uniform and Safety Gear” – Line-item cost seems excessive. Applicant must revise line item to match the notes section and reduce rate. Additionally, uniform items are an indirect project cost and must be moved to the Indirect Costs category.
- Equipment Purchases #1 “Ski – Doo Summit 850cc” – Line-item cost seems excessive. MSRP ranges from \$14,000 – \$18,000 depending on trim packages. Applicant must justify cost estimate.
- Equipment Purchases #2 “Enclosed Trailer” – Cost seems excessive. Applicant must justify cost estimate and provide additional details e.g., trailer length, description, pull-through capability, etc.

- Indirect Cost #1 “Garmin Tread XL” – Applicant must reduce line item based on percentage of time patrol is actually for OHV Recreation. As staff are always on patrol for everything only a percentage of cost is actually applicable to this project and cost must be reduced.
- Indirect Costs # 2 “LEO Gear for field operations” – Some items appear duplicative to Items found in Materials / Supplies #2 Uniform and Safety Gear. Applicant must provide additional explanation. Additionally, “VEST” is ineligible. Applicant is reminded that tactical vest, carriers, external carriers for panels, etc. are not eligible costs. Applicant must reduce line item.
- Indirect Costs #3 “Project Management and Administration” – Job descriptions appear duplicative to job descriptions listed in Staff #2 OHV FPO Manager. Applicant must ensure job duties are not duplicative from other line items.