

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Ventura County Sheriff's Department'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: G26-03-51-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #2 – The Applicant must further describe specific OHV patrol areas within the overall Project Area. Applicant must provide specific trail mileage or acreage

for OHV areas that are patrolled for OHV recreation. The Applicant describes Lockwood Valley Road and State Route 33 as major components of the project, that are evidently highways which will be presumed ineligible for the enforcement of California OHV laws (CVC Division 16.5). The Applicant must specify factual conditions where patrol of these highways is directly related to OHV Recreation and enforcement of OHV laws. The Applicant should clarify relevant circumstances such as OHV trail crossings, OHV staging areas accessed along and near these highways or remove highways from description of the Project Area.

- Item #3 – The Applicant must answer the question with quantifiable numbers and include number of patrol shifts during project performance period, outline the number of days allocated for patrol with consideration to weekends, major holidays or periods of high impact, and include a justification for increase of days requested from previous applications. The Applicant must include an explanation of the method used to determine the prescribed quantity of Deliverables in the Project Cost Estimate associated with OHV law enforcement needs identified in the Project Area description (Item #2) including the number of deployment days needed and typical shift duration.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #2 – The Applicant must demonstrate that OHV Recreation is supported and sustained within the Project Area with a description that includes OHV Recreation areas and/or OHV Opportunities. It is unclear the “how” of the information provided. Additionally, the Applicant must amend and clarify the intended meaning of, “give deliberate disregard of laws,” which is unclear.
- #4 – Applicant must provide explanation as to why costs associated with special events within the Project Area are not recovered. “Not applicable” is an insufficient response. If the Applicant must clarify if the Applicant has not been deployed to assist with permitted special events on public lands within the county, or there is no history of privately sponsored OHV events.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #3 “Technician (Dispatch)” – Applicant must clarify if this dispatching cost is only a portion of the total dispatching hours that correlate with OHV calls for service vs all other LE dispatching services. Hours seem excessive.
- Equipment Use Expenses All Line Items – Costs seems excessive. Rates shall never exceed the actual costs (CCR 4970.08.2). Applicant must better define actual cost to the County to run each piece of equipment a day and provide that justification.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Uniforms & Equipment” – Quantity of 6 appears inconsistent with the description that two deputies and one sergeant are typically deployed. Applicant must provide an itemized list of supplies.