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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

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SUBJECT: Grants Program Update

Summary

Update on the status of the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program), as well as Public Resources Code (PRC) 5090.24(b) requirement of a public meeting before the start of the next grant program cycle to allow for public input on the program.

Discussion

Public Resources Code (PRC) 5090.24(b)

PRC 5090.24(b) states in part: *The meetings (Talking about the minimum four Commission meetings) shall include a public meeting, before the beginning of each grant program cycle to collect public input concerning the program, recommendations for program improvements, and specific project needs for the system.*

The OHMVR Division is utilizing this public meeting and Grants report to meet the Commission's statutory requirement. The Division welcomes input from both the Commission and the public. This is the time for the Commission and the public to provide valuable feedback on how the program may improve.

Once all input is received from this meeting, the Division will carefully review, consider and analyze all input to ensure applicability and adherence to statutory requirements. All changes must meet statute that dictate the specifics of the program and may require updates to program regulations that would require the Office of Administrative Law process. Changes to statute cannot be completed by the Division. Any changes made to the program will be shared with the Commission in future grant reports.

G25 Grant Cycle

The Grants G25 Intent to Award was posted on August 4, 2025. This began the 30-day appeal process. The Program Regulations allow for applicants to appeal the intent to award if they feel one of the two scenarios has happened:

- 1) The OHMVR Division failed to follow *the* regulations, and/or
- 2) The OHMVR Division lacked sufficient evidence to support or deny the award of a Grant(s).

The appeals are sent to the Deputy Director of OHMVR for review and reply. Should the appeals be denied, the applicant may then appeal to the Director of Parks and Recreation for final determination. The Division received four appeals, one in the Ground Operations category and three in the Law Enforcement category. All appeals were resolved and the final awards for the G25 grant cycle became final on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Compliance Unit staff are currently working with the successful applicants to process the new project agreements. Additionally, staff is starting the preparation for the next grant cycle (G26) that begins in January 2026. We again will be working in the hybrid model workshop format with an in-person and virtual component to it. The workshop will be two separate days, January 7, 2026, and January 8, 2026, both held at the Sheraton at the Sundial Bridge in Redding.

January 7, 2026, will be for our Law Enforcement applicants. This year the Division will again include a piece of the OHV Laws course taught by Division Law Enforcement Team members as part of the workshop. The intent is to assist those Law Enforcement applicants in understanding the true intent of the Grants and what is allowable enforcement under the Grant program. The team will also be focusing on the application itself and what each section should include.

The second half of January 7 will be a new addition to the workshop, an outdoor session for open discussions in a relaxing setting at Chappie Shasta OHV area. This will be for all project types, except Law Enforcement. The team hopes that this in person session will provide an engaging and dynamic setting for grant writers to examine a diverse range of project types through structured discussions and hands-on activities. The session leverages the open-air environment to foster creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. January 8, 2026, will be for all other Project types and will address frequent issues applicants encounter in their applications, go over all program requirements for submission and much more.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

Final award summary