

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation 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).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- No comment.

Development: G25-03-20-D01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- Applicant must clarify how this Project is not duplicative of the G19 Development Project as that Project was to complete Phase II the Frank Raines OHV Electrical Upgrade on existing campgrounds at the park.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #2 – The activities listed are not necessary, as the deliverable has been completed prior to the Application submission.
- #3 – Applicant should ensure that the List of Project Deliverables are accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project deliverable title. Applicant must relocate the activity to Project Deliverable #1.
- #4 – The activities listed are not a unique Development deliverable. Applicant must remove this Project deliverable.
- #5 – Project Deliverable is duplicative of activities already included in Project Deliverable #1. Applicant must remove the activity.

Project Description – All Others

- Size of the proposed Development - 4970.10.2(d)(2)(c) – Applicant must revise section to remove the scope of the Project as it does not pertain to this section.

Project Cost Estimate

- Contracts #1 – Cost appears excessive. Applicant shall revise the narrative to support the cost of the Electrical Contractor and/or provide the quote. In addition, Applicant shall indicate the # of contractors participating. If there are multiple contractors Applicant is to separate into different line items. Applicant must also state the source of match.

Ground Operation: G25-03-20-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- Applicant should ensure the List of Project Deliverables is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project deliverable title. Applicant must update the Project deliverable descriptions by eliminating any activities irrelevant to the deliverable title, relocating information to the appropriate deliverable title, removing any redundant language, and/or moving information to the Background or Project Description sections if more suitable.
- #1 – Applicant must provide an approximation and/or clarify the miles of trails and roads being maintained in this proposed Project.
- #3 – Applicant must the clarify the number of open area acres being maintained in this proposed Project.

Project Description – All Others

- Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles – Applicant must clarify the Project Area(s) to ensure consistency with the Project Description and List of Project Deliverables.

Project Cost Estimate

- Contracts #1, 2 & 4 – Applicant stated, "some match provided will be match from Equipment Use category". Applicant must clarify whether match funds are County funds.
- Contracts #3 "Portable Toilet Service and Lift Station" – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year's Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost. In addition, Applicant must clarify the source of match.
- Contracts #4 "Heavy Equipment Operator (Contracted)" – Applicant stated, "line item is a placeholder" and must remove this line item as it is not an actual Project cost.
- Contracts #5 "Biologist" – Applicant must clarify the source of match.
- Materials / Supplies #1 & 4 – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year's Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
- Materials / Supplies #3 "Maintenance Supplies" – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the line-item cost was determined. In addition, Applicant must move items not associated with maintenance to their own line items.

- Equipment Use Expenses #1 & 3-7 – Applicant must provide justification and supporting evidence for selection of the unit of measurement. Applicant must include in its justification how the selection results in cost savings for the State.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Vehicle mileage Expense" – Transportation fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to "Each" or "Miscellaneous."
- Equipment Use Expenses #8 "Trailer Heated Pressure Washer" – Trailers are not considered Equipment. Applicant must move this line item to the Others category. In addition, Applicant's notes do not match the item description. Applicant must revise description and/or quantity to match.

Ground Operation: G25-03-20-G02

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must specify the number of trail/road miles being maintained in the Project.
- #4 – Applicant states, "restroom cleaning..." and "vault pumping of approximately 3-20 portable toilets". It is unclear how many portable toilets will be cleaned/pumped on this proposed Project. Applicant must provide a more specific range of portable toilets that will be maintained consistent with the Project Cost Estimate.

Project Description – All Others

- Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles – Applicant must clarify the Project Area(s) to ensure consistency with the Project Description and List of Project Deliverables.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 & 2 – Line item “Rate” significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in “Rate”.
- Contracts #1-3 – Applicant must clarify the source of match.
- Contracts #1 “Gary's Rent A Car” – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Fuel Costs” – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 “ATV 4 x 4 Equipment Use” – Applicant must specify how the Equipment will be used on the Project.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2-4 – Applicant must provide justification and supporting evidence for selection of the unit of measurement. Applicant must include in its justification how the selection results in cost savings for the Grants program

Restoration: G25-03-20-R01

Project Description – Background

- Applicant must provide additional background information as the language provided does not adequately describe the Applicant’s organization/program. In addition, Applicant provided information for the Project Description section in the Background section. Applicant must move any language associated with the Project Description to the Project Description section.

Project Description – Project Description

- Applicant must clarify the meaning of "temporary or permanent closure for restoration". It is unclear if the Project Area will remain closed off from future OHV use. In addition, Applicant must further clarify what they mean when they use the term "volunteer trails". Lastly, Applicant listed the Project deliverables in the Project Description section. Applicant must move the Project deliverable language from this section to the appropriate title within the List of Project Deliverables section.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must clarify what "Replace and compact soils lost" means, as it appears to be a Ground Operations activity.
- #2 – Patrol is a Law Enforcement Activity. Applicant must clarify the meaning of "patrol" in this Project, as individuals without citation authority are not eligible to claim patrol hours.
- #3 – Applicant must clarify the meaning of "temporary closures during and after this Project". It is unclear if the Project Area will remain closed off from future OHV use.
- #4 – Applicant must clarify what "Fencing to delineate existing trails" means, as it appears to be related to a Ground Operations activity.
- #7 – This deliverable is solely for Restoration Planning. Applicant must remove language from this Project deliverable as this Project is not for Restoration Planning.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Materials / Supplies #1 "Hay, Straw Wattles..." – Line item cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how the cost was determined.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 & 2 – Applicant has stated the pieces of Equipment are County owned. Applicant must revise to use the County rate and not a rental rate from an outside company. Use fee rate may never exceed the Grantee's actual cost.