

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program BLM - Redding Field Office'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).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- No comment.

Ground Operations: G26-01-14-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must clarify which specific trails and roads will be receiving the approximately sixty miles of Ground Disturbing Activities proposed under this Project. In addition, Applicant is reminded that monitoring activities should not be included in Project Deliverable #1 but must instead be listed under Project Deliverable #7 or Project Deliverable - Other.
- #2 – Applicant must clarify how frequently the “kid/novice track” will be maintained. Applicant is reminded that monitoring activities should not be included in Project Deliverable #2 but must instead be listed under Project Deliverable #7 or Project Deliverable - Other.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- All Staff line items – Due to recent federal staffing reductions, it is unclear whether the staffing levels listed in the Project Cost Estimate are accurate. Applicant must confirm that all staff positions listed in this Application are currently filled prior to the final Application submission.
- Staff #1-4 – The percentage of staff time dedicated to Project Deliverable #1 and 2 is unclear. Applicant must clarify within the line item notes what portion of staff time will be specifically dedicated to the maintenance of OHV trails, roads, and tracks.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1-3 & 5 – It is unclear why the Applicant is utilizing a monthly rental rate in this Application compared to the daily rates claimed in previous Applications. Applicant must clarify how often, in terms of the number of days, the equipment will be used on the Project. In addition, Applicant must provide justification and supporting evidence for the selection of the monthly rental rate as the unit of measurement, including a clear explanation of how the selection of a monthly rental rate results in cost savings for the State compared to a daily rate. Furthermore, the costs for Equipment Use Expenses #1 and 2 have increased significantly compared to the prior year's Application. Applicant must provide a detailed justification for the increase in costs.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Indirect Costs” – Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the cost was determined, including the precise scope and amount of work to be conducted. For any Staff positions included in this line item, Applicant must utilize the hourly rate and quantity of hours as the unit of measure to clearly demonstrate how the associated costs were calculated. If helpful, Applicant may break this line item out into multiple Indirect Cost line items to clearly identify and separate the various costs. In addition, the use of “etc.” in the line item notes

does not provide sufficient detail to identify the items to be purchased. Applicant must specify each supply item to be purchased, as the current description does not clearly identify what materials are being requested.

Law Enforcement: G26-01-14-L01

Need Assessment

- Item #2 – Applicant must specify how many miles of roads and trails are open to OHV's and how many acres within the forest are open to OHV use. Elevations, miles of streams and rivers, wilderness areas, and miles of pacific crest trail are mostly irrelevant for the purposes of this project. Applicant must provide specific numbers to reflect miles of trails open to OHV use, numbers of trails open to OHV use, types of OHV's that are being addressed while on patrol, etc.
- Item #3 – Applicant must provide additional detail estimating the number of shifts per officer during the project performance period.
- Item #4 – Applicant must clearly define the planned number of officers dedicated to OHV patrol, outline the number of days allocated for patrol (per week, considering weekdays, holidays, etc.), and rank of personnel assigned to patrol duties. Additionally, Applicant lists 2 Park Rangers in Project Cost Estimate. Applicant must clarify if park rangers have enforcement authority and how they are deployed for the purposes of this project. The Applicant must specify all types of vehicles used to accomplish OHV patrol in this Project, including equipment not acquired with grant funds.

Needs Enforcement Certification

- #1 – It is not apparent that Sacramento River Bend ACEC is an OHV Opportunity or directly associated with one that may sustain OHV Recreation. The Applicant must clarify how the proposed need to prioritize this area for routine patrols is directly related to OHV Recreation.
- #4 – The Applicant is advised that costs directly associated with privately sponsored events are not eligible OHV law enforcement needs. Any law enforcement need beyond routine coverage should be provided by the sponsor. A "privately sponsored event" does not mean an event that excludes the public, merely one where the sponsor is required to obtain a permit. Therefore, "open to the public" will not exclude this condition.

Project Cost Estimate

- No comment.