

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Trinity County Resource Conservation 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).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- No comment.

Ground Operations: G26-07-02-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must identify the specific locations of the “2 major sites where trail has become impassable” under this Project Deliverable. In addition, Applicant is reminded that monitoring is not an eligible activity under Project Deliverable #1 but should be included under Project Deliverable #7 or Project Deliverable – Other.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #2 & 3 – The percentage of Staff time dedicated to Project Deliverable #1 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 and roads. In addition, the positions appear to be duplicative. Applicant must clarify how the positions are distinct from one another and specify whether each position operates in a field setting, an office setting, or both.
- Contracts #4 “Heavy Equipment - H2O, Fire Prevention/Compaction” – Applicant must clarify whether the water truck will be used for soil compaction in addition to fire prevention and specify the amount of time dedicated to each activity. As currently described, it is unclear whether the water truck will be utilized for Project-related activities or exclusively as a fire prevention measure.
- Materials/Supplies #5 “Native Seed Mix” – Applicant must provide additional clarification regarding the cause of the “disturbed areas” referenced in this line item. The intended use of the native seed mix is unclear, and Applicant must provide a more detailed explanation of how this material will be utilized under this Project.
- Equipment Use Expenses #4 “Oil Change” – Applicant must clarify if the vehicle was purchased with Grant funds. Only maintenance may be charged if the vehicle was purchased with OHV Trust Fund dollars.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Grant Administration” – 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.

Planning: G26-07-02-P01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- Applicant must clarify the size of the area and miles projected to be studied.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must clarify the size of the area and miles projected to be studied.
- #3 – Applicant must clarify what kind of approvals and/or permits that will be applied for on the Project, as it is unclear.
- #4 – Applicant must clarify what environmental compliance company is going to be utilized on the Project and clarify the level of environmental study that will occur.
- #5 – Applicant must clarify what “environmental impact assessment” entails as is it unclear what the project is evaluating or the reports to be produced.

Project Description – All Others

- (C) A list of all reports... – Applicant must specify what kind of “environmental analysis documents and decision documents” shall be produced.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 “Forest Health Project Coordinator” – Applicant must clarify how the “Forest Health Project Coordinator” shall contribute to the Project, as it is unclear how the general duties are related to the Project outcome.
- Staff #3 “Executive Director” – Applicant must clarify what “admin responsibilities” entails as it appears to be an indirect activity. In addition, Applicant must clarify what Project Deliverable this line item correlates to.
- Contracts #1 “Environmental Analysis Contractor” –The proposed cost for this line item appears excessive. Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the contract cost was determined, including a percentage of the time dedicated to each activity. In addition, Applicant shall clarify which deliverables the contract correlates to.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Grant Administration” – Line item appears duplicative of Staff #3 “Executive Director”, Applicant must remove one line item or explain the need for separate line items. The proposed cost for this line item appears excessive. 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.