

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Sierra National Forest's Factual Findings

The information provided below is the OHMVR Division's Factual Findings for this Applicant. The information provided reflects the OHMVR Division's review and determination of the Applicant's final Application.

General Evaluation Criteria:

- #1d – OHV Opportunity Ratio. Add 3 points.
- #5 – Applicant has been out of good standing with the Division within the last 2 complete calendar years. Deduct 10 points.
- #6 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.

Ground Operations: G26-02-17-G01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- No change.

Project Description – All Others

- No change.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1-6, 8, 14-16 – The percentage of staff time spent working on Project Deliverables #1 & 3 is unclear. Applicant must clarify what portion of staff time will be dedicated to the maintenance of OHV trails, roads, and open areas within the line item notes.
- Staff #10 "Specialist Aquatics Monitoring" – Applicant did not provide a detailed explanation justifying the quantity of hours requested and demonstrate that the proposed costs are reasonable and proportionate to the scope of work outlined in the Project Deliverables. Applicant must reduce line item total to match the prior year's award amount. Deduct \$3,937 from Grant and \$80 from match. Revised totals for this line item is now Grant \$26,404 and match \$500.
- Staff #15 "Volunteer Support" – Applicant stated volunteer hours average 2,343 which is inconsistent with the line item quantity. Deduct \$3,549 from match. Revised line item total is Grant \$0 and match \$91,377.
- Staff #17 "Forest Biologist" – Applicant did not provide a detailed explanation justifying the quantity of hours requested and demonstrate that the proposed costs are reasonable and proportionate to the scope of work outlined in the Project

Deliverables. Applicant must reduce line item total to match the prior year's award amount. Deduct \$627 from match. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$0 and match \$1,956.

- Materials / Supplies #9 "HS OHV/OSV Motorcycle & Snowmo PPE" – Applicant did not update the line item rate but instead added additional costs the line item notes. Applicant must update the line item rate and remove the added line items. Deduct \$600 from Grant. Revised total for this line item is now Grant \$2,210 and match \$0.
- Equipment Use Expenses #3 "FW Heavy Equipment-Road Crew" – Contingent line item. Applicant stated use fees are based on "standard rental rates at the local level". Applicant must confirm the rental rates claimed do not exceed the Grantee's actual cost.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$859,912

Match: \$294,833

Total Project Cost: \$1,154,745

Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. The stakeholder meeting did not include multiple distinct stakeholders. Deduct 1 point.
- #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selection "Other products with recycled content." Deduct 1 point.

Education & Safety: G26-02-17-S01

Project Description – Background

- No change.

Project Description – Project Description

- No change.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant shall further clarify what field trainings will occur at the 'Tread Lightly! booth' as it is unclear.
- #2 – Language appears to be duplicative of Project Deliverable #1. Applicant shall remove the language and any details they would like to include into Project Deliverable #1 such as where the events will be advertised.
- #4 – Applicant shall remove the deliverable as it is not supported by the Project Cost Estimate.

Project Description – All Others

- "Location where training/services will be conducted..." – Applicant did not clarify how the "Dinkey Creek Store" is part of this Project as it is not supported by the Project Deliverables section.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 "District OHV Manager" – Applicant did not provide sufficient explanation to

support the increase in hours. Hours are reduced to the QTY requested within the G25 Application. Deduct 25 hours. Revised line item total is \$1,121 Grant and \$280 match.

- Staff #6 "District Support Staff" – Contingent line item. Applicant must remove the line item if the positions are not hired by final awards. Applicant may complete a reallocation request in the event the staff members are hired during the Project performance period.
- Materials / Supplies #1 "Educational Items" – It is unclear how "The Four-Wheeler's Bible: The Complete Guide to Off-Road and Overland Adventure Driving" will benefit OHV education and outreach. Applicant shall remove the language and costs associated. Deduct \$258 Grant. Revised line item is now \$3,443 Grant. In addition, Applicant shall remove "OHV funds at work decals" as they are provided free from the Division.
- Indirect Costs #2 "OHV Manager" – Applicant shall remove 'oversee equipment maintenance' as it is not an eligible activity. Applicant listed six (6) activities for this line item. Removing one (1) activity decreased the line item total by 17%. Deduct \$180 Grant. Revised line item total is \$876 Grant.

Revised Totals

Grant Request: \$17,405

Match: \$11,364

Total Project Cost: \$28,769

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant has been out of Good Standing with the Division in the last two calendar years. Deduct 10 points.
- #3 – Applicant has been responsive. Add 3 points.
- #5 – Applicant's Project Description and Project Background do not support the selection of 'Motorcycle'. Deduct 1 point.
- #7 – Narrative does not support the selections of "Plan to implement the Project", "Evaluation of the Project process," and "Evaluation and feedback received from Project participant". Deduct 6 points.
- #8 – Project Description, Deliverables and/or Project Cost Estimate and narrative do not support the selection of 'Outreach booths/Exhibits'. Deduct 2 points.
- #9 – Applicant's narrative best supports the selection of '20 to 100'. Deduct 1 point.
- #11 – Project Deliverables and Project Description do not support selection. The Project is not conducting an ASI / MSF course. Deduct 2 points.