**BLM Bakersfield Field Office**

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.

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).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary Application may be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant’s Application.

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 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)(10).

**General Evaluation Criteria**

* #1c – Applicant must provide the dates for the data provided.
* #2 – 5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #4 –Applicant must provide the name and date of a reference document.
* #7b – Applicant must further clarify the “frequency” of patrols taking into consideration that volunteers are not eligible "patrol personnel", as they cannot issue citations.
* #8b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation of their “management information system(s)” that identifies and monitors the impacts of OHV activity and contain at least the six items listed. This includes stating briefly how the six items are accomplished and whether “recommendations for improvement in species management” are made and if “Strategies to changing conditions…” are developed.
* #9a – Narrative does not support the development of “a systematic *methodology* for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities that is consistent with the 2008 Soil Standard". Applicant must provide a brief explanation, as reviewers do not reference external documents or attachments.
* #11a – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional detail substantiating “safe and responsible recreational practices”.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, G21-01-03-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* It would appear that the installation of the toilet for the “Meadow” is a new toilet, not the replacement of an existing toilet, which deems it to be a Development project. Applicant must revise this Application to remove this activity and all associated costs and resubmit it as a two-phased Development project or a planning project for the NEPA and then a Development Project.

***Project Description – List of Project Deliverables***

* #4 – Applicant must revise to remove the purchase and installation of the new toilet and resubmit it as a two-phased Development project or a planning project for the NEPA and then a Development Project.
* #7 – Applicant must revise if this deliverable is only related to the installation of the new toilet.
* #8 – This is not a deliverable and should be removed.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #2 “Park Ranger” – Applicant must revise this line item to remove the costs associated with the installation of the new toilet.
* Contracts #1 “Trash Services for 1 year” – Applicant must clarify the source of match.
* Contracts #2 “Purchase and installation…” – Applicant must remove this line item as it is not a part of this Ground Operations Project

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide additional details and/or examples for how “failure to complete the Project will result in…” for each unsupported selections, not how the completing the project will protect.
* #3 – Narrative does not support the selection. Project does not contain Project deliverables that maintain trails.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must state who hosted the meeting, the date of the meeting and state the number of participants that attended.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Protects water quality”. Applicant must provide additional information of how it is accomplished.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate does not support selection “Other products with recycle content” are made with recycled materials.

**Law Enforcement, G21-01-03-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* No comment.

***Project Certification***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #4 “Staff-Law Enforcement Office” – Applicant must provide OHV duty descriptors showing how duties relate to OHV enforcement.