**BLM Needles**

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**

* #2 – 5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #11b – Narrative does not fully support “hosted onsite” formal programs to educate the public on “safe and responsible OHV recreational programs” provided 5 to 19 times a year”. Note that setting up a booth at an event only to distribute educational materials and have informal educational talks does not qualify as a formal program, and “short training programs” is not explained. Also, it is unclear how the “Mojave Desert Junior Quail Hunt” or the Needles Health Fair educate the public on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices.
* #12a – Applicant must provide a more specific URL address where OHV related items are listed.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, Route Signing & Monitoring G21-01-12-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Describe the size of the specific Project area…. – Collecting OHV incursions and trespass data is not a Ground Operations activity but a Restoration activity. Reference to this activity should be removed.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “Operations Staff” – Applicant must revise line item description as the quantity of hours performed for these line items has decreased.
* Staff #3 “Seasonal/Furloughed Fire Crew 2” – Applicant must further clarify the need for this line item as it is duplicate of line item #2, and no additional work has been added to this Grant Application.
* Staff #5 “Biologist” – Applicant must further clarify the increase in rate of pay as the same reasoning was used last Grant cycle.
* Materials / Supplies All line items – Applicant must provide a description for each line item and state how these supplies are going to be used on the Project.
* Materials / Supplies #6 “Equipment & Tool Repair/Replacement” – Applicant must provide additional information for the need of this line item. The item appears duplicative to Materials / Supplies line item #4 and #5.
* Equipment Use Expenses All line items – Applicant must state how each piece of Equipment will be used on the Project.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Project does not support the selection of “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Project does not include any trail work.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection of “The Applicant initiated and conducted publicly noticed…”. Applicant must state number of participants that attended the public meeting. Additionally, it appears that this meeting was held more than 12 months prior to the filing of the preliminary Application.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Protecting water quality” and “Protecting special status species”. Applicant must provide additional information (examples) of how this is accomplished for each selection. The examples stated are not eligible because revegetation of denuded habitat is a Restoration activity and as “No Ground Disturbing Activities are performed with OHMVRD Funds” water control structures are outside the scope of this Project, as is maintaining designated routes for special status species protection.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selections as the Applicant only mentions they will be used if possible.

**Restoration, East Ivanpah Resource Protection G21-01-12-R01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff # 9 “Outdoor Recreational Planners” – Applicant must provide additional detail on what “Oversee grant…” entails.
* Materials/Supplies # 1 “Regulatory Signs” – Compared to like Projects $500 per sign appears excessive.
* Materials/Supplies # 4 “TRAFx Counters” – Applicant must further clarify how traffic counters are related to this Project.
* Equipment Use Expense – All Line Items – Applicant must provide additional details on how this equipment will be used on the Project.
* Other(s) #1 “Program Travel Costs” – Applicant must clarify if these costs are for the Contractor. If these costs are for the contractor, travel costs should be incorporated into the contract amount and not an individual line item. Additionally, Applicant must clarify what “CORE” is.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Applicant must enter the *numbers* for the “Sensitive areas” and “T&E” selections rather than the name. Also, Applicant must provide a detailed explanation on the severity of impacts on ALL selections if the Project is not funded.
* #3 – Applicant must provide a name and date of an official reference document that supports this Project. Correspondence and an incident report listed by the Applicant would not be considered a viable reference document that supports this Project.
* # 4 – Narrative does not support all of the selections. Applicant must provide further detail on each selection, and not just repeat the selection in the narrative.
* #5 – Applicant must verify the reports identified support the need for restoration at the Ivanpah Dry Lake.
* # 7 – Applicant must provide how many participants were on the Zoom meeting.
* #11 – Response is not supported by the Project description. The Project deliverables indicate that no Active Restoration is occurring.

**Education & Safety, OHV Education Outreach G21-01-12-S01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #1 – “Classroom and/or field training” – Applicant must provide more details in regards to anticipated number of classroom outreach presentations conducted by the Project.
* #2 – “Education Outreach” – Applicant must provide the number of public events they anticipate attending.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “Public Contact / Outreach Ranger” – Applicant must provide the methodology for how the quantity of hours was determined: Applicant must include the percentage of time in an average business day personnel handle Off-Highway Vehicle related inquires and how that percentage was determined.
* Staff #4 “Biologist” – Applicant must revise notes for this line item; Notes are duplicative of the Project activities performed by staff line item #5, “Archaeologist”.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #5 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Recreation Utility Vehicle”. Applicant does not state the Project addresses the selection.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “The Applicant initiated and conducted publicly noticed…”. Applicant must state the number of participants that attended the public meeting.
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Testing process to ensure outcomes are effective”. Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measurable elements to substantiate selection.
* #8 – Community events are the same as outreach booths/exhibits. Parades do not appear to be part of the Project. Applicant must provide additional details to support this selection as well as identify what education methods parades would provide to the Project.

**Law Enforcement, G21-01-12-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* #1 – Applicant is reminded that activities such as privately sponsored OHV events are not eligible for funding. Applicant must confirm events are open to the public.

***Project Certification***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1-4 – Applicant must provide OHV duty descriptors showing how duties relate to OHV enforcement.