**“BLM Palm Springs South Coast 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**

* #2 – 5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #7c – Narrative does not support “Education programs, maps…" Applicant must verify that education programs, maps and/or other publications are *provided to the public*.
* #9a – Applicant must further explain its "systematic methodology" for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities.
* #9b – Applicant must further explain its methods to address soil issues.
* #12a – Applicant must provide a more specific working URL address where OHV related items are listed.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Restoration, G21-10-13-R01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* The Applicant did not provide a Project Description Narrative that provides “sufficient clarity such that those not familiar with the Application or Project can understand what the Applicant intends to do.” Applicant must revise this section to further clarify the Project.

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

* #10 & 11 – Applicant lists “Graffiti Removal” and “Trash Removal”. Applicant must clarify if these activities are taking place in closed areas.

***Project Description – All Others***

**“Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and how OHV Recreation caused the damage - 4970.11(f)(1)(C)”**

* Applicant must further clarify how OHV Recreation has caused the damage.

**“Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles - 4970.11(f)(1)(D)”**

* Applicant must further describe the specific Project areas where they will be conducting active restoration. Applicant has only listed general use areas, and it is not clear which specific areas are in need of Restoration. Additionally, the specific size and scope of the areas in need of Restoration is unclear.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Materials/Supplies # 5 “Monitoring tools” – All items listed are considered Indirect in nature and should be moved the Indirect Cost Category.
* Materials/Supplies # 6 “PPE” – Applicant lists sun protection and water supply for field staff. These items are considered Indirect in nature and should be moved the Indirect Cost Category.
* Equipment Use Expense – #1-5, 7, 8 & 10 – Line items which state “Cost based upon quote from a local GSA approved vendor”. Applicant is reminded that only actual costs can be reimbursed.
* Other(s) # 1 “Heavy Equipment Fuel” – Fuel costs for heavy equipment should be listed in the Equipment Use Expense Category.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – For the last 3 selections, Applicant must enter the *numbers* of each item selected rather than the name.
* #11– Project description and Project Deliverables do not support selection of greater than 10 acres to be actively restored.
* #12 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional information supporting the damage was caused by current legal or illegal OHV Recreation.

**Law Enforcement, G21-01-13-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* #3 – 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 # 3-8 “Law Enforcement Ranger” – Line items are duplicative; Applicant must combine line items or explain the need for separate line items.
* Indirect #1 “Cost for Grant administration” – Applicant must provide OHV duty descriptors for archeologist, range specialists, wildlife biologist and the outdoor recreation planner and how the duties relate to the OHV law enforcement Project.