**Central Coast Trail Riders Association**

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.
* #4 – Applicant’s information must match the land manager’s, but note the land manager received a comment.
* #7b – Although Applicant’s information matches the land manager’s, note the land manager received a Division comment.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission taking into consideration Outreach efforts must be the Applicant’s, not the land manager’s. Also, Applicant must verify that they provide OHV outreach efforts via the selections.

**Ground Operations, G21-04-14-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(s) in acres and/or miles – 4970.10.1(d)(2)(C) – Applicant must state the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles for their specific Project and ensure that is consistent with the information provided in the written permission letter provided by the Land Manager.
* Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles – 4970.10.1(d)(2)(C) – USFS – Los Padres National Forest (Land Manager) has also applied for a Ground Operations Grant within the proposed Project area. Applicant needs to clarify how they will ensure there is no duplication of services.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Contracts #1 and 2 – Costs significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Contract #5 “Archaeologist” – Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.
* Materials/Supplies #1 “Turf block pavers” – Costs significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Materials/Supplies #4 “Rakes, picks, shovels…” – Costs significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Materials/Supplies #5 “Diesel Fuel” – Line item should be moved to the Equipment Use Expense category. .
* Equipment Use Expenses #1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 – Applicant must clarify if Applicant owned means that the Equipment was not purchased within the Grants program. Equipment/Heavy Equipment purchased within the Grants program is not allowed a use fee.
* Equipment Use Expenses #2 “Truck Rental” – Applicant must clarify if this is an actual rental or use of a volunteer’s vehicle. If use of volunteer’s vehicle, Applicant must reduce use rate to maximum rate allowed per Program regulations of $150 per day
* Equipment Use Expenses #3 “Truck mileage” – Applicant must further justify the increase in mileage. Applicant is reminded per Program regulations, Nonprofits may only charge up to 100 miles in each direction for transportation per day and maximum of 150 miles for operation per day.
* Other(s) #1 “Heavy Equipment annual service” – Line item appears to be ineligible. Applicant states in G19 application that equipment was not purchased with OHV grant funds. Per Program regulations, only regular maintenance is allowable if the items were purchased within the Program. If clarified that the Heavy equipment was purchased within the Grants program the line item is eligible, if not it must be removed.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Maintaining trails that provide for multi-use”, and “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed to support the selection.
* #4 – Narrative does not support selections. Applicant must provide platform of virtual meeting, who hosted the meetings, dates of the stakeholder meetings, names of multiple distinct stakeholders and state why stakeholders are stakeholders to the project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Water Quality” and “Sanitary facilities”. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation for each statement. .
* #8 – Background and/ or Project Description sections do not support the selections. Applicant must provide information that supports the selections. Applicant states non-motorized recreational opportunities within the USFS – Los Padres National Forest but does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use from within the Project area of this Application.

**Restoration, G21-04-14-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***

* Contracts # 1 “LFPA, SCA, CCC” – Applicant must clarify how contract amount was determined and also provide the source of match.
* Contracts # 2 & 3 – Applicant must clarify if the fencing contracts are two different contracts, or two activities under one Contractor.
* Equipment Use Expense # 1 “Mini Excavator Rental” – Applicant must provide how rental costs were determined.
* Equipment Use Expense # 2 “Skid Steer Rental” – Applicant must provide how rental costs were determined.
* Equipment Use Expense # 4 “UTV Rental for Operations” – Applicant must provide how rental costs were determined.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* # 2 – Applicant must provide the number of other special status species, instead of names in the top portion of the question. In the narrative response, Applicant must further clarify the type and severity of impacts that might occur for ALL items checked.
* # 4 – Applicant must provide further details to support the selections of “Incorporation of universally recognized BMPs” and “identification of alternate OHV Routes.”
* # 7 – Applicant must provide further details on how this meeting was conducted remotely and also provide the number of participants who participated in the meeting.
* #8 – Applicant must provide additional details on the Partnership with San Luis Obispo County and what they will specifically be doing on this Project.
* #10 – Narrative does not support selection. Additionally answer to question 12 states that incursions are still happening therefore the underlying problem has not been resolved.