**El Dorado County CAO**

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 – The total operational budget of $320,696 conflicts with narrative figure of $1,090,000. Applicant must provide the correct total for only the OHV operational budget. Applicant must revise accordingly.
* #7c – Narrative does not support the selection “Education programs, maps...” Applicant must verify maps and brochures address OHV trespass and respect for private property.
* #9a – Applicant must explain how the “Rubicon Saturated Soils Water Quality Plan” and “BMP’s” provide a “systematic methodology for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities” and how these items are “consistent with the 2008 Soil Standard.”
* 11b – Narrative does not support the selection. Events must be hosted by the Applicant onsite to educate the public on safe and responsible OHV recreation practices.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, G21-03-06-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #1 – Applicant did not provide a land manager letter for Placer County. Applicant must clarify if the LTBMU letter covers the work that would be completed on the Placer County side of the trail or remove it from the deliverable.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles… 4970.10.1(d)(2)(C) – USFS – Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (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***

* Staff #1 “Park & Trail Maintenance Worker” – Equipment maintenance is an indirect activity. Applicant must move this activity and costs to the indirect costs category and adjust line item accordingly.
* Staff #4 “Volunteer” – Applicant must revise line item if work being done on the Placer County side is not included in the LTBMU portion of Placer County, as there is no land manager letter from Placer County.
* Staff #5 “Surveyor’s Office GIS” – Applicant must revise line item if work being done on the Placer County side is not included in the LTBMU portion of Placer County, as there is no land manager letter from Placer County.
* Staff #6 “Parks Program Supervisor” – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project. In addition, Applicant must change the Unit of Measurement to “Hours”.
* Contracts #2 “Helicopter Services” – Applicant must revise line item if work being done on the Placer County side is not included in the LTBMU portion of Placer County, as there is no land manager letter from Placer County. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.
* Contracts #3 “Veerkamp Construction” – Applicant must provide the source of match. Additionally, Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.
* Equipment Use Expenses #4 “Trailer” – Applicant must remove this line item. Per Program regulations this item is no longer eligible for a use fee as it does not meet the definition of Equipment as it does not have a motor.
* Equipment Use Expenses #5 “Murooka” – Applicant’s notes for this line describes a staff person. If this is a staff line item, Applicant must move line item to the Staff Category and change the Unit of Measurement to “Hours”. If this line item is a piece of Equipment or Heavy Equipment Applicant must revise the notes for the line item.
* Equipment Use Expenses #6 “Backhoe rental” – Applicant must revise the notes for this line item. Compared to like Projects, daily rate appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the daily rate for the backhoe. In addition, Applicant must clarify how they determined the daily use rate.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support any of the selection “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed in the Project that support the selection.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must state who hosted the public meeting, full date of the meeting, how the public was notified and the number of participants that attended. In addition, Applicant must provide who hosted the stakeholder meeting, supply multiple distinct stakeholders and explain how the stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project.
* #5 – Narrative does not currently support the selections Friends of the Rubicon, Tahoe National Forest, Eldorado National Forest and LTBMU. Applicant must clarify if the work being done is included in the LTBMU portion of the Placer County side. In addition, Tahoe National Forest, Eldorado National Forest and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit are not partners on the Project because they are not actively participating in this Project but on their own Ground Operations Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Protecting Water Quality”. Applicant must provide additional information (examples) of how this is accomplished.

**Education & Safety, G21-03-06-S01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* Maintaining County website is considered an Indirect Project activity as it does not directly relate to the scope of the Project. Applicant must remove language from this section. Indirect activities are to be identified in the Project Cost Estimate.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Equipment Use Expense #1 “4x4 Vehicle” –Applicant must clarify how often (days) the vehicle is going to used on the Project within a monthly basis.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. Green Acres is not a partner on the Project because they are not performing a Project deliverable on the Project. Applicant must provide additional information of what “education input” Mad Hatters is providing on the Project. Trail evaluation and maintenance on the trail annually are not eligible Project activities in an Education and Safety Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must state the number of participants that attended the public meeting. In addition, for the stakeholder meeting, Applicant must identify multiple distinct stakeholders and explain how they are stakeholders to the Project.
* #8 – “Self-guided trails” and “Social media” do not appear to be part of the Project. Applicant must provide additional details to support the selections. In addition, Applicant must provide additional details how “Self-guided trails” and “Social Media” educational method relates to the scope of the Project.