**Friends of El Mirage**

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 – Based on the narrative 5 to 19 times a year appears to be the appropriate selection, as ATV Safety Institute training is provided for in question 11d.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission taking into consideration Outreach efforts must be the Applicant’s, not the land manager’s

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***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 “Visitor Center Staff” – Cost seems excessive to like Projects. Applicant must further clarify how the hourly rate was determined.
* Materials/Supplies #5 “Safety Equip” – Applicant must move any cost associated with jumper cables and water jugs from this line item and move it to the Indirect Cost category.
* Equipment Use Expenses #4 “Augur Truck” – Applicant has exceeded the allowable charge for a piece of Equipment. Applicant must revise rate to $150 per day.
* Equipment Use Expenses #7 “Tires- grader” – Applicant must further clarify the need for tires as the same item was purchased in last year’s grant.
* Equipment Use Expenses #9 “Heavy Tractor” – Applicant must further clarify the need for tires as the same item was purchased in last year’s grant. Additionally, line item appears duplicative of Equipment Use Expenses #7.
* Equipment Use Expenses #11 “Tires- Water Truck” – Applicant must further clarify the need for tires as the same item was purchased in last year’s grant.
* Equipment Use Expense #12 “Dump Truck” – Applicant must further clarify the need for the additional days on this line item, as last year it was included with other trucks for 110 days of use total.
* Equipment Use Expenses #13 “Tires- Dump Truck” – Applicant must further clarify the need for tires as the same item was purchased in last year’s grant.
* Equipment Use Expenses #14 “Trommel Sifter Rental” – Applicant must clarify if this is an actual rental or a use fee. If a use Applicant cannot exceed the allowable charge for a piece of Equipment ($150 a day). If it is a rental, Applicant must further clarify why the cost increased compared to prior year’s Application.
* Equipment Use Expenses #17 “Dump Trailer” – Line item is ineligible. Per Program regulations Item is not eligible for a use rate because it does not fit the Equipment definition because it is not motorized.
* Indirect Costs #4 “GPS Tracking” – Applicant must further clarify the need for this item as 16 complete units were purchased last year.
* Indirect Costs #6 “Hand Tool Batteries” – Applicant must revised notes as this line item is duplicative of Indirect Costs #5.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selections “Negative impacts to cultural sites”, “Damage to special status species”... and “Potential trespass”. 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 any of the selections “Maintaining trails that provide for multi-use” and “Providing varied levels of difficulty”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed in the Project that support the selections.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection “Applicant held a meeting…”. Applicant must further explain how “Inland Empire Film Services” is a stakeholder in this Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Protecting water quality”. Applicant must provide additional information of the work being accomplish is minimizing the impacts to natural resource.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selection of “Barrier materials…” are made with recycled materials as stated only they will only be used if available.
* #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 El Mirage riding area but does not does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project area of this Application.