**Sierra Avalanche Center**

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).

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***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #3 – “Creating/Updating/Printing of OHV related trail and/or interpretive signs/panels” – Applicant must provide more details in regards to the number of OHV avalanche awareness events and/or community events they anticipate attending in the Project.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Location of Training/Services – Applicant states, “Signage is located at select California SNO-PARKS…”. Applicant must remove this language and any cost associated with this activity because it is an ineligible Project expense. Program regulation 4970.09.(11) states, “Any Project cost more appropriately funded by other OHMVR Division program or reimbursed by any other funding source. No Grant funds and/or match funds shall be expended at any property owned and/or managed by the Department…”

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Applicant must remove any cost associated with “Signage installation at select California SNO-PARKS…”. because it is an ineligible Project expense. Program regulation 4970.09.(11) states, “Any Project cost more appropriately funded by other OHMVR Division program or reimbursed by any other funding source. No Grant funds and/or match funds shall be expended at any property owned and/or managed by the Department…”
* Contracts #2 “Web and App Maintenance and Development” – Applicant is reminded Project can only fund OHV related content on a website. Applicant must clarify the percentage of OHV content available to OHV users on the website. In addition, Applicant must clarify the source of match.
* Materials / Supplies #1 “Safety and Miscellaneous Field Equipment” – Applicant must state the need to purchase “two Garmin inReach satellite communicators” when three were purchased in the previous year’s application.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #8 – “Interpretive talks, rides, events” do not appear to be part of the Project. Applicant must provide additional details in the Project description or Project deliverable sections to support the selections that correlates to the information provided in the narrative.
* #10 – Narrative does not support the selection.  Data must align with information provided in evaluation criteria #8 and correlate with the response provided in the narrative of evaluation criteria #9.