**USFS - Eldorado National Forest**

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.
* #9b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional detail/examples of its actual methods to address soil issues.
* #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. Note that setting up a booth at an event only to distribute educational materials and have informal educational talks does not qualify as a formal program. Applicant must provide more details to substantiate educational talks.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, G21-02-03-G01**

***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***

* Staff #2 “District OHV Lead Technicians GS-7” – Project accomplishment reporting is indirect. Applicant must revise line item to remove this information and costs associated with the duty and move it to the indirect cost category.
* Staff #4, 9, 10 and 12 – The Grants Program cannot be expended on activities related to paid events that are not open to the public. Applicant must clarify what these events are. If events are paid events closed to public, Applicant must remove language and any costs associated with this ineligible activity.
* Staff #7 “GIS Specialist” – Costs increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Contracts #4 “Staging Area/CG Toilet Pumping” – Costs increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Contracts #6 “OHV Intern” – Costs increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Equipment Use Expenses #2 “Vehicle Fixed Operating Rate” - Applicant must provide additional justification that the piece of Equipment will be used 30-31 days a month to charge for the entire month. If not, Applicant must revise to only charge for the days that the piece of Equipment is actually used on the Project.
* Other(s) #2 “Overtime” – Applicant must move this line item to the Staff category as it is overtime for staff.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Maintaining trails that provide for multiuse”, “Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use” and “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed to support these selections (must state examples/activities in the narrative not just refer to deliverable #1).
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selection of “Erosion control features” are made with recycled materials.

**Restoration, Yosemite Toad Hybridization Study G21-02-03-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***

* Staff # 3 “PG&E Biologists (2 Contractors)” – Applicant must move this line item to contracts.
* Contracts – All line items – Applicant must clarify how costs were determined.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Applicant must identify the *number* of threatened and endangered species rather than the names.
* #3 – This Project is considered a scientific and cultural study. Applicant must revise selection.
* #7 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant must clarify if members of the public attended the public meeting and, if so provide the number of participants.