**USFS - Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit**

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.
* #7b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must further clarify the frequency of patrols taking into account that maintenance and monitoring are not patrol functions.
* #7c – Narrative does not support the selection "Barriers and/or signing…". Applicant must provide more details to support the selection.
* #8b – Applicant must provide more information for their “qualified environmental staff” that maintain their “management information system(s)” containing at least the six items listed. This includes stating briefly how the six items are accomplished.
* #9b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional detail of its actual methods to address soil issues.
* #11a – It is unclear if free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, LTBMU G21 Grounds Operations G21-02-07-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #4 and 8 – Applicant must clarify what “current and long-term planning efforts” are and how it directly relates to the scope of the Project. Planning is an Indirect activity because it does not directly relate to the scope of the Project.
* #10 – Patrol is a law enforcement activity; Applicant must clarify the meaning of patrol in this Project.
* #12 – Grant Administration is not a Project deliverable. Applicant must remove this Project deliverable.

***Project Description – All Others***

* How the proposed Project relates to OHV… – Eldorado County CAO has also applied for Ground Operation Project in the USFS – Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit jurisdiction, not a Development Project. Applicant must identify specific areas where Project activities will be performed and ensure there is no duplication of services in the Project Description. If Project areas conflict Applicant must explain how they will ensure there are no duplication of services.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “Ranger” – Applicant has listed a portion of the funds as match, yet there is no match being supplied for the line item. Additionally, cost increased compared to prior year’s Application.
* Staff #2 “Temp Trail Crew” – Applicant must supply the breakdown of how the rate was determined.
* Staff #9 “OHV Program Leader” – Applicant must further clarify the hourly rate as it seems excessive to like Projects. Additionally, Applicant should further clarify the job duties as some appear to be indirect.
* Contracts #1 “Portable restrooms” - Costs increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Materials/Supplies #4 “Jeep Rubicon Upgrades” –Applicant must explain why these upgrades are necessary and how they are related to the Project..
* Equipment Purchase #1 “Jeep Rubicon” – Applicant must clarify what percentage of this equipment will be used by the Law Enforcement Team for Law Enforcement activities. The Applicant must reduce the request by that percentage as Ground Operations cannot pay for Equipment used for Law Enforcement activities.
* Other(s) #1 and 2 – Applicant must provide some detail on the items as the reference to a previous year’s application is not sufficient. Additionally, Applicant must clarify if the Equipment was purchased within the Grants program.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Additional damage to Facilities”. Applicant must provide additional details and/or examples for how “failure to complete the Project will result in…” for the unsupported selection.
* #3 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Maintaining trails that provide for multiuse”, “Installing or repairing erosion…”, “Maintaining trails for single use” and “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed as part of the Project to support the selections.
* #5 – Narrative does not support the Rubicon Trail Foundation and El Dorado County partners. Applicant must further clarify how these partners will be participating on the Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Protecting special-status species”. Applicant must list a special – status species the work being accomplished is protecting.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selections of “Erosion control features” and “Paper used for trail maps…” are made with recycled materials.
* #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 – LTBMU but does not does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project area of this Application.