**USFS – Los Padres 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**

* #1a – 1c – Dates are inconsistent.
* #2 – 5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #4 – Applicant must provide a name and date of the reference document. FY21 appears to be a date in the future.
* #7b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must clarify the frequency of patrols.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, G21-02-09-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 #12 “Volunteer Dozer Operator” – Costs increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Staff #13 “Volunteer Dozer Swamper” – Costs increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Staff #20 “SLRD - Resource Officer” – Applicant must revise notes as this position was filled last grant cycle.
* Contracts #1 and 2 – Applicant must clarify the source of match.
* Contracts #5 “Route Repaving” – Applicant must provide additional details on this line item to justify the cost. Typically OHVs are not ridden on paved surfaces. Applicant must verify that Green sticker vehicles are allowed to use this road.
* Contracts #6 “SBRD Trail and Facility Crew” – Cost increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Contracts #6 and 7 – Line items seem duplicative of Contracts #3. Applicant must clarify the need for all three contracts.
* Materials/Supplies #3 “Fencing and Barrier Materials” - Costs increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Equipment Use Expense #10 – Applicant must clarify if this Equipment was purchased within the Grants program. If not, Applicant must remove this line item as it is not allowable. Per Program regulations, maintenance is only available for equipment purchased within the Grants program.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selections “Negative impacts to cultural sites” and “Damage to special status species”. ”. Applicant must provide additional details and/or examples for how “failure to complete the Project will result in…” for each unsupported selection, not how the completing the project will protect.
* #3 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed as part of the Project to support the selection.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selections “Signs, sign posts or education kiosks…” and “Other products…” are made with recycled materials. Additionally, the items listed in Other are duplicative of the items justifying the Barrier selection therefore they are not eligible.