**USFS - Mendocino 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.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

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***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* Applicant must revise this section to provide an overview of the Project such as those not familiar with the Application or Project can understand what the Applicant intends to do.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Describe the size of the specific Project Area… – PWORA no longer has an active Ground Operations grant under the Grants and Cooperative program. Applicant should revise.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #9 “ULRD Volunteers” – Applicant must provide additional details on the increase in volunteer days and number of volunteers.
* Staff #13 “GRD OHV Technician GS-6” – Applicant must revise hours requested as 2080 is considered fulltime, and overtime is requested in line #14.
* Staff #19 “GRD Volunteers” – Applicant must provide additional details on the increase in volunteer days and number of volunteers.
* Materials/Supplies #1 “ULRD Misc. Hand Tools” – Applicant must explain the need for this line item as it was requested again exactly as it was in the previous year’s Application.
* Materials/Supplies #8 “ULRD Low Water/Stream Crossing” – Applicant must explain the need for this line item as it was requested again exactly as it was in the previous year’s Application. Applicant must also clarify that 3 structures will be replaced again.
* Equipment Use Expense #1, 3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 28, and 30 – Applicant must provide additional justification that each 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.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selection “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.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection of “The Applicant held a meeting(s) with multiple distinct stakeholders…”. Applicant must explain how they are stakeholders to the Project, as well as supply the platform for the online meeting.
* #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 – Mendocino National Forest but does not does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project area of this Application.