**USFS - Modoc 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.
* #7b – Narrative does not support the selection. It is not clear that “a majority” of OHV areas are being patrolled on a daily basis, as the information provided, “5 to 10 percent” is unclear. Applicant must provide further explanation.
* #9a – Applicant must further explain its "systematic methodology" for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities.
* #11b – Applicant must provide additional detail regarding their “Kids–in–the–Woods” events to substantiate “formal programs, educational talks…” to educate them on OHV recreational 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.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, Forestwide Ground Ops G21-02-45-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 and 3 – Applicant must clarify the number of positions that the line item supports.
* Materials / Supplies #5 “Aggegate/Riprap” – Applicant must further define how the cost was determined. Additionally, in Deliverable # 1 it is mentioned that the riprap will be sourced from local materials. If this is the same materials, the request must be moved from Grant to match as locally sourced materials can only be claimed as match.
* Equipment Use Expenses #5 “Backhoe Operations” – Costs significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Equipment Use Expenses #6 “Excavator with Mulcher” – Costs significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Negative impacts to cultural sites”. Applicant must provide additional details and/or examples for how “failure to complete the Project will result in…” for each unsupported selection.
* #3 – Background and Project Description sections do not support the selections “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed to support the selection.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection of “The Applicant held a meeting(s) with multiple distinct stakeholders…”. Applicant must provide the date and the location of the stakeholder meeting(s).
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing sanitary facilities”. Applicant must provide additional detail
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate section do not support the selection “Barrier materials..” are made with recycled materials as barriers do not appear to be part of the Project.