**USFS – San Bernardino 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 – Applicant must further clarify the “frequency” of patrols taking into consideration that volunteers are not eligible "patrol personnel", as they cannot issue citations.
* #10 – Applicant must clarify the frequency of sound testing taking into consideration that sound testing as it pertains to the question cannot be voluntary.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, G21-02-14-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #1 – The purchase of PPE is not a deliverable and should be removed.
* #9 – Winter Activities listed would be included in the signing deliverable. This should be removed.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “OHV Recreation Technicians” – Costs increased more than prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Staff #6 “Archaeologist” – Costs increased more than prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Staff #12 “Engineering” – Costs increased more than prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Contracts #3 “Archaeological Site Testing…” – Applicant must explain the continued need for this line item as it was requested in the previous year’s Application.
* Contracts #4 “SCMF OHV Volunteer Coordinator” – This position appears to be a duplicate to Staff #2. Applicant must also identify what work will be performed on the ground alongside Forest OHV staff.
* Materials/Supplies #8 “Gas can/hand fuel pump” – This item is indirect. Applicant must move this line item to the Indirect category.
* Equipment Use Expense #1 “Vehicle Use…” – Applicant must further define this line item, identifying how many vehicles will be used and supply the average FOR rate.
* Equipment Use Expense #2, and 4– Applicant must define if the equipment was purchased within the Grants program. Per Program regulations, only Equipment purchased within the Grants program are eligible for maintenance and repairs. Additionally, Applicant should split the line item into one for fuel and one for maintenance and repairs.
* Equipment Use Expense #3 “Trailer Maintenance” – Applicant must clarify if the trailers were purchased within the Grants program. If so, this line item must be moved to the Other(s) category as it is not a motorized piece of Equipment. If not, the line item must be removed as it is not eligible.
* Equipment Purchase #1 – Applicant must further clarify the need for these vehicles. Are there still 6 vehicles needing replacing as two were replaced in the previous grant cycle. Additionally, Applicant must verify that their agency allows for the replacement of ATVs.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selection "Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat". Applicant must provide additional details and/or examples of special-status species on how “failure to complete the Project will result in…”.
* 3 – Narrative does not support the selection “Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed to support the selections.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must state what virtual meeting format was used.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selection “Other products with recycled content…” 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 – San Bernardino National Forest but does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project area of this Application.