**BLM - Barstow Field Office**

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.
* #7c – Narrative does not support “Education programs, maps…" Applicant must explain how the education programs educate the public on “OHV trespass, including respect for private property”.
* #8b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation on the “Biological monitoring…,” “Components that evaluate the effects of OHV Recreation and related activity on the species”.
* #10a – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant must clarify if sound testing is conducted 50% of holidays and weekends.
* #11a – Narrative does not support the “Bulletin boards, signs, or kiosks...”. Applicant must provide additional detail substantiating “safe and responsible OHV Recreation”.
* #11d – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant must state how many ATV safety courses are offered per year.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations G23-01-04-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #1 – Applicant must confirm Bessimer Mine Road project is within the Project Area/OHV Recreation Area and identify what Project activities will be performed.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #7 “Heavy Equipment Operator” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Quantity and rate did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Staff #9 “Seasonal Park Ranger”– Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
* Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Motor Grader” – Rate appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how the rate was determined. In addition, Applicant must clarify how often in day(s) the piece of Equipment is expected to be used on the Project within a monthly basis.
* Equipment Use Expenses #2 & 3 – Applicant must clarify if this is a Heavy Equipment rental or a use fee.
* Others #1 “Dumont Per Diem Costs” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Division did not comment on this line item.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Maintaining trails that provide for multi-use”, “Installing or repairing erosion control features” and “Provide varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide example(s) of Project activities being performed that support the selection.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide the platform used for the virtual meetings.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Protecting water quality”. Applicant must provide example(s) of the activities performed in the Project that support the selection.

**Restoration G23-01-04-R01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #7 – Applicant states this Project will provide 3 reports which will be compiled annually for the project area, yet only provide the names of two reports (Summary Cultural Resource report and Environmental Condition/Biological Site Condition report). Applicant must clarify what three (3) annual reports will be provided on an annual basis during the duration of the Project.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s)in areas and/or miles – Both the Applicant and Friends of El Mirage are proposing Restoration activities, such as site selection and cultural clearance, within the Stoddard Valley Subregions. Applicant must further clarify how these Project activities are different and will not overlap.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff – All line items – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
* Equipment Use Expense #1 “Vehicle Cost” – Applicant must confirm this piece of Equipment will only be used on this Project. In addition, Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Notes were not changed per Division comments.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selections. Project is solely for Restoration Planning.
* #3 – Narrative does not support the selection. Project is solely for Restoration Planning. In addition, Application must list the name of the “reference document that supports the Project.”
* #5 – Application must remove “Correction from Ground Ops Comments from Division” from the narrative.
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selections. Public and stakeholder(s) meetings must be in person or virtual. Applicant must provide the platform used for the virtual meetings.
* #9 – This Project is not for a scientific or cultural study. Applicant must remove the selections.
* #12 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant must provide additional information to support current legal/illegal OHV Recreation is occurring in the Project Area.

**Education & Safety G23-01-04-S01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* Staff #1,2, & 5 – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. No Division comment was issued (per Division comments).
* Equipment Use Expense #1 “Equipment Use Expense Generator Rent” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. No Division comment was issued (per Division comments).

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* *No comment.*

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must list each partner separately and provide a detailed explanation for how each partner will participate in the Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide the platform used for the virtual meetings. In addition, Applicant must identify how these stakeholders are stakeholder to this Project.
* #14 – Project Description section does not support the selections of “ATV certification”, “Motorcycle certification”, and “4 x 4 Off-Road training”. Applicant must confirm that training personnel possess these types of training in this section to support the selections.

**Law Enforcement G23-01-04-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* No comment.

***Project Certification***

* #2 – Applicant is advised that OHV funds may be used for public education and awareness. However, these activities should be ancillary and minimal to maximize the amount of OHV patrol.
* #3 – Applicant is reminded only qualifying Law Enforcement activities within the identified Project Area may be charged under an OHV Law Enforcement Grant. In addition, Applicant is reminded that activities such as privately sponsored OHV events are not eligible for funding. Applicant must confirm special events are open to the public.
* #10 – Applicant is reminded OHV Law Enforcement Project funding may not be used to manage OHV Recreation facilities which would be related to Ground Operations.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* No comment.