**BLM - Bishop 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.
* #1a & 1c – The dates are inconsistent. #1c indicates data was gathered in 10/2022–09/2022, however #1a dates are listed as 10/2021–09/2022.
* #11a – Narrative does not support selection of “Free literature…”. Applicant must state how literature provides “describing safe and responsible OHV recreation”.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations G23-01-05-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***

* Materials / Supplies #1-4 – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Costs did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Materials / Supplies #2 “Personal Protective Equipment” – Applicant must clarify the need for this line item as it was in the previous year’s Application. In addition, sun protection is considered an indirect expense as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move the verbiage for this item and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category.
* Materials / Supplies #5 “Tablets” – Tablet cases are considered an indirect expense as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move the verbiage for these items and the cost associated with them to the Indirect Cost category.
* Equipment Use Expenses #1 “UTV and Trailer Maintenance” – Trailers are not considered Equipment. Applicant must move this line item to the Others category. In addition, Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Costs did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Others #1 “Equipment Rental” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Costs did not increase from previous year’s Application.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection “The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in-person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders…”. Applicant must identify stakeholders and state how stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing sanitary facilities”. Applicant must provide definitive example(s) of the activities performed in the Project that support the selection.
* #8 – Background and/ or Project Description sections do not support the selections. Applicant states non-motorized recreational opportunities within BLM – Bishop Field Office but does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project Area where trail maintenance is being performed.

**Law Enforcement G23-01-05-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* No comment.

***Project Certification***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #2 & 3 – Applicant has an active G22 Restoration Project that performs “maintenance of barricades to prevent trespass into closed areas”. Applicant must clarify how this deliverable is different from the “maintenance of barricades to prevent trespass into closed areas” performed by the G22 Restoration Project.