**BLM - Eagle Lake 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.
* #9a – Division does not have a 2022 Soil Conversation Standard Guidelines. Applicant must revise statement.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, G23 Fort Sage/Rice Canyon Ground Operations**

**G23-01-08-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 #3 “Maintenance Workers” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Cost did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Equipment Use Expenses #5 “Dozer” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Costs did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Others #6 “Trailer Maintenance” – Applicant is reminded that trailers not purchased through the Grants Program are not eligible for regular maintenance expenses. Applicant must clarify if trailers requiring regular maintenance were acquired through the Grants Program.
* Indirect Costs #1 “Indirect Costs 15 percent” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Division did not comment on this line-item.

***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 the virtual meeting platform used and state how stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project.
* #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 BLM – Eagle 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.

**Restoration, G23 BLM OHV/WSA Restoration G23-01-08-R01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Describe the size of the specific Project Areas(a) in acres and/or miles – Applicant must clarify what "signing will be placed on legal routes” is, as it appears to be a Ground Operations activity. In addition, Applicant must add the active Restoration activities (i.e., vertical mulching and raking) listed within this section to Project Description – List of Deliverables section, #1 “Active Restoration Activities”.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “Career Conditional Fire Staff” – Patrol is a law enforcement activity; Applicant must clarify the meaning of patrol in this Project.
* Staff #1 & 8 – Line items appear duplicative; Applicant must remove one line item or explain the need for separate line items. Applicant must clarify what “public outreach and make visitor contacts” means in relation to this Restoration Project.
* Staff #7 “Park Rangers” – Applicant must clarify if full-time Captain or Park Rangers will perform the activities associated with this line item.
* Staff #9 – Applicant must change the Unit of Measurement to “Hourly”. In addition, performing patrol activities outside of the Project area is an ineligible Project activity. Applicant must remove “neighboring BLM offices” from the notes section and the cost associated with it from the line item.
* Materials / Supplies #4 – Applicant must define “accessories”.
* Equipment Use Expenses #2 “Trailer Purchase” – Applicant must move this line item to the “Other” category. In addition, Applicant must clarify if this trailer will solely be used for this Restoration Project.
* Equipment Use Expenses #3 – Applicant is reminded Equipment not purchased through the Grants Program is not eligible for regular maintenance expenses. Applicant must clarify if Equipment requiring regular maintenance was acquired through the Grants Program.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selections “Archaeological and historical resources…” and “Soils…”. Applicant must explain the “type and severity of impacts that might occur” if the Project is not funded, for each of these selections.
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide the meeting location where the meeting with Bob Burns occurred.
* #8 – Narrative does not support selection. It is unclear if the remote BLM areas are a part of the Lassen County Sheriff Department G23 Law Enforcement Project. Applicant must clarify these areas are not included in Lassen County's G23 Law Enforcement Project. In addition, Applicant must list each partner separately and provide a detailed explanation of how each partner will participate in the Project.
* #11 – Project Description section does not support “Greater than 10 acres…” of sensitive habitats which will be actively restored within the Project area. It is not clear if the areas listed are “sensitive habitats”. Applicant must provide additional details in this section to support the selection.

**Planning, G24 ELFO OHV Route Planning G23-01-08-P01**

***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***

* No comment.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must clarify if the trails identified in this Project will provide motorized access to the selections made.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection of “The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders…”. Applicant must clarify how stakeholders are stakeholders to this Project.

**Law Enforcement, G23 ELFO Law Enforcement G23-01-08-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* No comment.

***Project Certification***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “Law Enforcement Officers” – Compared to like Projects, the hourly “rate” appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the rate of this line item.
* Equipment Use Expenses #2 “OHV Trailer Maintenance” – Per Program regulations trailers are no longer considered Equipment. Applicant must move this line item to the Others category.