**City of California City**

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.
* #8b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation for “Ongoing survey/inventory of archeological sites” and "Components that evaluate the effects of OHV Recreation and related activity on the species".
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations G23-03-26-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 #8 “Seasonal Park Aides” – It is unclear how “Selling Permits” is related to the Project. Applicant must clarify how this activity is related to this Ground Operations Project.
* Staff #10 “Full Time Park Aide” – Applicant must clarify if training is occurring in the field as on the job training, as training is typically an indirect or not an eligible Project activity. In addition, it is unclear how “Selling Permits” is related to the Project. Applicant must clarify how this activity is related to this Ground Operations Project.
* Contracts #5 “Fencing Contract” – Line item is considered indirect as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move this line item to Indirect Cost category.
* Materials / Supplies #3 “Supplies-Signs and Hardware” – Applicant must clarify how “Larger signs are targeted to be installed/replaced” is different from the previous year’s Application. This activity within the line item was also included in last year’s Application.
* Materials / Supplies #10 “Shower Tokens” – Line item is considered indirect as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move this line item to Indirect Cost category.
* Equipment Purchases #1 “4WD Pick Up Truck”– Compared to like Projects, the cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost of this line item.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide example(s) of the activities performed in the Project that support the selection.
* #5 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must clarify if maps will be distributed within the Project Area (maps distributed at business locations are not eligible).

**Development G23-03-26-D01**

***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 #1 & 2 – The positions appear to be first-line supervisors. Therefore, Applicant must provide additional information on the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project by both positions and if the work is in the field, office, or both. In addition, these positions appear to be indirect in nature, as they do not perform Project activities that directly relate to the completion of the Project. Therefore, Applicant must explain how these activities directly support the Project or move them to the Indirect Cost category.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2a – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide the date of the reference document that supports the selection.
* #5 – The narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide a publicly reviewed and adopted plan and/or environmental document that supports the need for the Project. A publicly commented resolution does not meet that requirement.
* #8 – The narrative does not support the selection. Installation of a dump station does not directly improve or sustain existing OHV opportunities.
* #9 – The Project is not eligible for this selection. Project is creating a dump station, not creating OHV roads and/or trails that could provide access to non-motorized recreation opportunities.
* #11 – Narrative does not support the selection. "Waste Management" is not a partner, as providing trash receptacles for RV Dumping station is not part of this Project.
* #13 – Applicant must further explain what measures have been taken to address offsite impacts to support the selections.

**Education & Safety G23-03-26-S01**

***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 # 2-5 – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Cost did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Staff #4 & 5 – Line items appear duplicative; Applicant must remove one line item or explain the need for separate line items.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional information on how BLM Ridgecrest is actively participating in the Project.
* #5 – Project Description section does not support the selection of “Dune buggy, rail". Applicant does not state how the Project addresses the selected vehicle type.
* #12 –Project Description does not support the selection. Applicant states in their Application, “The majority of our OHV personnel are First Responder level trained".
* #14 –Project Description section does not support the selections of “Dog handlings” and “Rope skills”. Applicant must confirm that training personnel possess these types of training in this section to support the selections. In addition, Applicant is not eligible for the “Other – First Level Responder” selection as they received credit for this level of training in evaluation criteria question #12.

**Law Enforcement G23-03-26-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* #4 – Applicant must identify the deployment of OHV personnel. As written, it is unclear what personnel will be conducting OHV Project activities.

***Project Certification***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #4 “Volunteers” – Applicant submitted a G23 Education & Safety Application to receive Program funds for search and rescue performed by Desert Incident Response Team (DIRT) volunteers. Applicant is reminded that DIRT volunteer hours can only be claimed for either Project (i.e., volunteer hours can only be claimed once).