**Imperial County Sheriff's 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).

**Education & Safety G23-03-09-S01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #1 – Applicant must provide the number of the “consolidated traveling version of this program at various OHV venues and events” they anticipate conducting.

***Project Description – All Others***

* OHV Safety, Environmental Responsibility, and Respect Private Property – Applicant must clarify how the Project is providing OHV safety.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 "Deputies" – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Materials / Supplies #1 "Supplies-Outreach Materials" – Line item “Quantity” (QTY) increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in QTY.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional information on how “Imperial County Office of Education" and “California Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta Board” is actively participating in the Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection. The public meeting on March 9, 2023, is not eligible as the meeting must be prior to the preliminary Application filing deadline.
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selections of "Objectives and outcomes" and “Plan to implement the Project” Applicant must provide identifiable and/or measurable elements to substantiate selections.
* #8 – “Social Media” and “Website” not eligible selections, as they are not part of this Education and Safety Project. Applicant must remove selections.
* #10 – Narrative does not support the selection. Data must align with the information provided in evaluation criteria #8 and correlate with the response provided in the narrative of evaluation criteria #9.
* #11 – Narrative does not support the selection. Providing ASI ATV Safety training is not part of the Project.

**Education & Safety G23-03-09-S02**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation - 4970.13(f)(3) – Applicant is reminded that activities related to boating is not an eligible OHV activity. Applicant must remove the language and the cost associated with this activity from the Project Cost Estimate.
* Locations of Training/Services - 4970.13(f)(5) – OHV search and rescue Project activities cannot be performed at “fairs, shows, and special events”. Applicant must clarify the location of where OHV search and rescue Project activities will occur.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 "Sergeant" – "Coordinating community outreach events" are not eligible Project activities for a Safety Project. Applicant must remove verbiage and the cost associated with this activity from the line item. In addition, “quarterly reporting” is considered an indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Costs category.
* Staff #2 “Deputies” – Applicant “Rate” does not match the hourly rate described in the notes section. Applicant must revise the “Rate” to match the hourly described in the notes section.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #5 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide additional information on how the vehicle type will be addressed in this Project as listed on the Project Description.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection. The public meeting on March 9, 2023, is not eligible as the meeting must be prior to the preliminary Application filing deadline.
* #14 – Project Description section does not support the selection of “Tracking skills”. Applicant states, “De Anza Search and Rescue” and United States Border Patrol” support the Applicant but does not say the majority of Applicant’s personnel possess this type of training. Applicant must remove the selection.
* #15 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must confirm data for OHV search and rescue operations and providing medical aid to OHV operators occurred during the prior calendar year.

**Law Enforcement G23-03-09-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* #2 – Applicant is reminded conducting OHV Law Enforcement activities on any land owned or managed by the California State Parks is not eligible. Applicant must clarify OHV Grant and/or match funds will not be used to patrol State Park lands (i.e., Heber Dunes).

***Project Certification***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Unit Mileage” – Applicant is reminded that Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge.
* Equipment Purchases #1 “Sand Rail Vehicle” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Equipment Purchases #2 “Emergency vehicle Truck 4x4” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify cost. In addition, Applicant must provide a more detailed cost breakdown for the Equipment purchase and proposed retrofits/upgrades. Applicant must move the upgrade costs to the Others Category. Lastly, Applicant must also identify what percentage of use Equipment will be used for on the Project and adjust line-item cost accordingly to reflect that percentage of use.
* Indirect Costs #3 “Uniform Allowance” – Applicant must update the rate to match the stated rate ($1,100) in the line-item notes.