**American Rivers, Inc – Faith Valley**

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**

* #1a - 1c – The dates are inconsistent. #1c indicates data was gathered in FY2021, however #1a dates are listed as 09/2012-09/2013. Applicant must discuss with Land Manager and revise accordingly.
* #2 - 5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #7b – Applicant must further clarify the personnel listed, such as OHV/OSV rangers, seasonal employees can issue citations. In addition, Applicant must verify the frequency of patrol days per week conduct by eligible personnel. Applicant must discuss with Land Manager and revise accordingly.
* #8b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation on the “Recommendations for improvement…” and “Strategies to respond to changing conditions…” Applicant must discuss with Land Manager and revise accordingly.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, Faith Valley G22-04-72-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No Comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* As written there appears to be significant Restoration activities. The OHV Division will conduct a site visit to determine the appropriateness of the Project type selection.

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

* No Comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No Comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #2 “Project Assistant” – Position appears to be a first-line supervisor.  Applicant must provide additional information of the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project and if the work is in the field, office, or both.
* Staff #4 & 5 – Line item is considered indirect because it does not directly relate to the scope of the Project.  Applicant must move this line item to Indirect cost category.
* Contracts #6 “HTNF-Fleet” – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
* Others #1 “Mileage” – Applicant must clarify what “contractor orientation” is and it directly relates to the scope to the Project.
* Others #2 “Travel - per diem” – Applicant must state how many days consecutively the crew will be staying in the field and the distance from volunteer’s headquarters the Project area is.
* Others #3 “Occupancy Related Costs” – Line item appears to be indirect. Applicant must identify what this line item is and how it directly relates to the completion of the Project.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #5 – Narrative does not support the selection.  “Friends of Hope Valley”, “Institute of Bird Populations, “Trout Unlimited” and CDFW are not partners on the Project because they are not performing a Project deliverable on the Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Protecting special-status species”. Applicant must list a special – status species the work being accomplished is protecting.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selection of “Erosion Control features…” are made with recycled materials.
* #8 – Background, Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections only support the selections of “camping” and “hiking”.  Applicant must provide additional information to support the other selections.  Applicant states non-motorized recreational opportunities within the Carson District but does not clearly state if those opportunities are by motorized use from within the Project Area of this Application.