**Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center**

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, ESAC OHV Avalanche Advisory, Awareness and Outreach Project G23-04-44-S01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #1 – Classroom and field training must be open to the public. Avalanche Awareness classroom training for "Search and Rescue teams, California Highway Patrol, and Caltrans" are not eligible Project activities for an education and safety Project. Applicant must remove language and the cost associated with this activity from the Project Cost Estimate.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “Forecasters” – Applicant must identify the need for one additional forecaster (previous year had three forecasters).
* Staff #2 “Project Manager” – Execute all aspects of the Grant program" appears to be indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must explain how this activity directly supports the Project or move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Costs category.
* Contracts #2 “Website” – Applicant must clarify if the total cost is the full amount for website management (including OHV and non-OHV content) or a prorated total covering only the OHV content.
* Equipment Use Expenses #3 "Maintenance" – 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***

* #5 – Project Description section does not support selections. Applicant does not state how the Project addresses the selected vehicle types.
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Plan to implement the Project”. Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measurable elements to substantiate the selection.
* #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.