**Main Street Murals, Inc**

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**

* No Comment.

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***Project Description - Background***

* Applicant must spell out the acronyms for WEMO and NEMO

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No Comment.

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

* #3 – Applicant must clarify what the seasonal safety message is and how it relates the Project.
* #9 – Applicant must clarify what the Xplore software and licensing is and how it relates to Project.
* Applicant must provide additional information on how “A Welcome to the Mojave Desert” exhibit” relates to the Project.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation – Applicant must provide additional information on what is meant by monitoring and how it relates to the Project.
* Identification of Needs – Applicant must provide additional information on how the BLM workforce is related to the Project.
* OHV Safety, Environmental Responsibility, and Respect Private Property – Applicant must spell out acronym “NOHVCC.”

***Project Cost Estimate***

* All line items – Grant request is significantly higher than like Projects. Applicant must provide additional details for excessive costs. Applicant must also explain why paid staff is needed to conduct the Project activities as opposed to using volunteers.
* Staff #1 “Education Director” – Applicant must explain how assisting the staffing at Desert Discovery Center and Route 66 relate to the scope of the Project.
* Staff #2 “Interpretive Staff” – Applicant must provide number of staff that make up the line item (if more than one.)
* Staff #3 “OHV Park Rangers” – “Monitor previous restoration sites” is not an eligible Project activity for an education and safety Project. Applicant must remove language from the note section and adjust the Project Cost Estimate accordingly.
* Staff #4 “BLM Park Ranger” – Applicant is reminded that BLM cannot also claim these same hours for their Project. In addition, Applicant must move line item to the Contract cost category.
* Staff #5 “Volunteers” – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project. In addition, Applicant must provide number of volunteers that make up the line item (if more than one.)
* Equipment Use #2 “fuel” – Fuel costs are not an eligible Project cost. Applicant can charge a “per mile” fee. Per Regulation 4970.08.1(c)(4) A “per mile” fee may be charged, up to one hundred (100) miles in each direction per day, for transporting Equipment to and from the Project site.
* Equipment Purchase 1 “4 X 4 Truck” – Purchase of a 4x4 truck appears excessive for a one-year Project.  Applicant must provide additional details to justify the need for the Equipment purchase.
* Other #4 “ASI training for instructors” – According to the Project Deliverables, Applicant is not providing ATV and UTV training, so ASI training is not an eligible expense for this Project. Applicant must remove line item.
* Indirect #4 – According to the Project Deliverables, Applicant is not providing ATV and UTV training, so ASI training is not an eligible expense for this Project. Applicant must remove line item.
* Indirect #6 “Per Diem for Dumont” – Applicant must clarify if per diem is for MSM staff and provide number of staff that make up the line item (if more than one.) Applicant is reminded that per Regulation 4970.08(4) All nonfederal agency Grantees shall follow policy established by the State of California for its employees with regard to travel reimbursement and shall not exceed the rates paid to Exempt, Excluded, and Represented State of California employees. State of California travel reimbursement rates are posted on the California Department of Human Resources website located at www.calhr.ca.gov

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – BLM does not appear to be a partner because they are receiving Grant funds and providing a similar program. In addition, Applicant must provide additional information on how Discovery Trails and Dessert Search and Rescue is actively participating in the Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide additional information on how Friends of Dumont Dunes and El Mirage are stakeholders to the Project.
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Testing process to ensure outcomes are effective.” Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measurable elements to substantiate selection.
* #10 – Narrative does not support the selection.  Data must align with information provided in evaluation criteria #8 and correlate with the response provided in the narrative of evaluation criteria #9.
* #11 – Project Description, Project Deliverables and narrative does not support selection.  Applicant must clarify if the Project will provide ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation training to the public as part of the Project.