**Southern California Mountains Foundation**

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**

* #1c – Applicant’s information must match the Land Manager’s response.
* #2-5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #7b – Although Applicant’s response matches the Land Manager, note the Land Manager received a comment.
* #7c – Although Applicant’s response matches the Land Manager, note the Land Manager received a comment.
* #8b – Although Applicant’s response matches the Land Manager, note the Land Manager received a comment.
* #11a – Narrative does not support selection of “Bulletin boards, signs, or kiosks...”. Applicant must state how kiosks provides information on “safe and responsible OHV Recreation”.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Restoration, 10 SBNF G23-04-02-R01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #9 – United States Forest Service (USFS) San Bernardino National Forest (Land Manager) has also applied for a Restoration Grant with a “Restoration Technician” who conducts restoration site maintenance at three (3) USFS – San Bernardino National Forest nursey facilities. Applicant must clarify how this deliverable is different from the Project activities performed by the Land Manager.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 & 2 – Compared to like Projects, full-time employees for these job positions do not appear to be necessary. Applicant must clarify the need for a full-time position for each line item.
* Materials / Supplies #4 “Fencing materials and supplies” – Number of miles of pipe cable to be installed are inconsistent with Project Deliverable #4. In Project Deliverable #4 Applicant states “Approximately 3 miles of pipe cable will be installed...” versus five (5) miles of pipe cable listed in the notes. Applicant must clarify the number of miles of pipe cable to be installed to ensure consistency with the List of Project Deliverables #4.
* Materials / Supplies #7 “iPad” – Compared to like Projects, cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost of this line item.
* Others #1 “Planting and seed supply storage unit” – 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.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – The Project Description section does not support the selection of “Identification of alternative OHV routes…”. Applicant must provide additional details in this section to support the selection.
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide the virtual platforms used for both the public and stakeholder meetings. In addition, Applicant must list number of participants that attended the public meeting. Lastly, Applicant must provide the location of stakeholder meeting held in person and state how they are stakeholders to the Project.
* #11 – Project Description section does not support “Greater than 10 acres…” of sensitive habitats which will be actively restored within the Project area. It is not clear if the areas listed are “sensitive habitats”. Applicant must provide additional details in this section to support the selection.

**Restoration, 11 BLM G23-04-02-R02**

***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 “UCCIE Corpsmembers” – Applicant must move this line item to the Contracts category. In addition, Applicant must clarify the source of match.
* Equipment Purchases #1 “cable trailer” – Applicant must move this line item to the Others category.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide the date of an official reference document.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection. Land Manager historically receives OHV Trust funds through the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program for Law Enforcement patrol activities that would be used to patrol this Project Area once the Project has closed.
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide the virtual platform used for both the public and stakeholder meetings. In addition, Applicant must list number of participants that attended the public meeting. Lastly, Applicant must provide the location of stakeholder meeting held in person and state how they are stakeholders to the Project.
* #8 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must clarify how the Bureau of Land Management Office is a partner on the Project.
* #11 – Project Description section does not support “1-10 acres within the Project Area…” of sensitive habitats which will be actively restored within the Project area. Applicant must provide additional details to support active restoration (i.e., slash and invasive species removed) is occurring on lands greater than 1 acre but less than 10.