**USFS - Angeles National Forest**

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 updated in 2019, however #1a dates are listed as 10/2015 -09/2016. Applicant must clarify data.
* #2-5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission .
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations G23-02-01-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* Conducting Ranger Safety talks is considered an Education & Safety Project activity and is ineligible for a Ground Operations Project. Applicant must revise this Application to remove this activity and all associated costs with this activity from the Application. If the Applicant wants to pursue Grant funding to perform this activity, they can submit an Education and Safety Project.

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

* #1 – Applicant must clarify if "2 miles of FS road" is open to “Green Sticker” vehicles. If not, the deliverable and any cost associated with the deliverable must be removed.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “OHV Field Manager GS-9” – Line item “Quantity” (QTY) increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in QTY.
* Staff #2, 3, 4, & 7 -10 – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Rate did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Staff #6 “OHV Technician GS-5” – Line item “Quantity” (QTY) increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in QTY. In addition, Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised; rate did not decrease from previous year’s Application.
* Staff #7 “OHV Technician GS-7” – Not a valid justification for line item cost increase as rate did not increase compared to the previous year's Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Contracts #2 “Road repair & grading OHV staging area” – Applicant must clarify how the contract cost was determined.
* Materials / Supplies #6 “OHV/OSV Safety Gear” – Applicant must clarify the need for this line item as it was in the previous year’s Application.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide examples of Project activities being performed that support the selection.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection of “The Applicant initiated and conducted publicly noticed…”. Applicant must explain how the public was noticed, year of the meeting, and number of participants that attended the public meeting.
* #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.
* #8 – Background and/or Project Description sections do not support the selections. Applicant states non-motorized recreational opportunities within USFS – Angeles National Forest but does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project Area where trail maintenance is being performed.