**USFS - Sierra NF - Patrol District**

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).

**Law Enforcement G23-02-35-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* All Sections – Applicant is advised that the Needs Assessment section needs to be revised so that the proposed Project is more clearly defined. Applicant describes the need for Law Enforcement but does not provide an adequate overview of the proposed Project.

***Project Certification***

* #2 – Applicant is reminded that activities at private special OHV events are not eligible for funding. Applicant must confirm OHV special events are open to the public.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #2 & 3 – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Contracts #1 “HAZMAT/Litter removal” – Sanitation/refuse dumping removal as this is not an eligible Law Enforcement Project activity. Applicant must remove line-item. If the Applicant wants to pursue Grant funding this activity, the contract can be added to the USFS – Sierra National Forest Ground Operations Project.
* Materials / Supplies – All line items – Line items are considered indirect as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move these line items to Indirect Cost category.
* Equipment Use Expense #2 “Law Enforcement Truck” – Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable)and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”
* Equipment Purchases #1 “Upgraded Jeep Parts” – This line item is unclear. Applicant must clarify if they are looking to purchase a new piece of Equpment or upfitting an already purchased piece of Equipment. If the Applicant is purchasing a new piece of Equipment, they must identify the need for the Equipment in the Needs Assessment section.
* Indirect Costs #1 “Gun Cleaning kit” – This is not an eligible expense. Applicant must remove this line item.