**National Park Service - Joshua Tree National Park**

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**

* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Restoration G23-05-01-R01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* Number of “focus areas” are inconsistent to the number of areas described in the “Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation…” section. Applicant list: Cottonwood Canyon, South Smoketree Wash, North Smoketree Wash, Porcupine Wash, Blake Eagle Mine Road, Gold Crown Road, and Brooklyn Mine Road (total of seven areas). In Project Deliverable #1 they state, “Five focus areas with the project location will receive active restoration”. Applicant must clarify the focus areas to ensure consistency within the Application and the correlating expenses in the Project Cost Estimate.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “Environmental Compliance Scientist” – Job duties listed are unclear. Applicant must identify how they relate to this Project. In addition, "review of complete compliance documentation" 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 line item to the Indirect Costs category.
* Staff #9 “Resource Staff” – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
* Contracts #1 & 6 – Costs appear excessive. Applicant must further define how the costs were determined for each line item.
* Materials / Supplies #3 “Data Collection Devices and Software” – Tablet cases, tablet screen projectors, camera case, camera screen protector, and trail counter software are considered indirect expenses, as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move the verbiage for these items and the cost associated with them to the Indirect Costs category. In addition, Applicant must identify the need and quantity of each item (tablets and trail counters).
* Materials / Supplies #4 “Safety Equipment” – Sun protection, traffic cones, and construction roll-up signs with stands are considered indirect expenses, as they do not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move the verbiage for these items and the cost associated with them to the Indirect Costs category.
* Equipment Use Expenses – All line items – Applicant is reminded Equipment purchased through the Grants Program are not eligible for a use fee. Applicant must clarify if Equipment were acquired through the Grants Program. In addition, Applicant must update the “Unit of Measure” (UOM) to match the line item notes.
* Others #2 “Post Driver” – Applicant must separate the fuel and maintenance cost from the line item. Applicant must move the verbiage and the cost associated with these items into their own line item.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #8 – Narrative does not support the selection. It is unclear how these partners listed will actively participate in this Project. Applicant must provide additional information.