**USFS - Mendocino 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**

* #2-5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #8b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation on the Ongoing survey/inventory of archeological sites”.
* #11a – Narrative does not support the selection of “Free literature...”. Applicant must provide additional detail substantiating “safe and responsible OHV recreational practices”.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations G23-02-10-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles – Applicant described the entirety of the Forest. Applicant must clarify and describe the size Project Area(s) to ensure consistency with the Project Deliverables and the correlating expenses in the Project Cost Estimate.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 & 11 – “Planning” appears to be an 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 verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category.
* Staff #3 “ULRD OHV Technician GS-7” – “Preparing for…workday” (volunteer/CALFIRE) 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 verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category.
* Staff #12, 14, 22, 25, & 26 – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Staff #24 “GRD Overtime for WG 8” – Applicant’s notes are not clear, as the line item was not removed. Applicant identified a cost associated with this line item. Applicant must clarify the notes.
* Materials / Supplies #10 “GRD Regulatory & Directional Signs” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Notes were not changed per Division comments.
* Equipment Use Expenses #4 “ULRD SWECO 450” – Applicant is reminded Heavy Equipment not purchased through the Grants Program is not eligible for regular maintenance expenses. Applicant must clarify what “purchased with state funds” means.
* Equipment Use Expenses #13 & 14 – Applicant must separate out the cost of Equipment fuel from the maintenance items into a separate line item.
* Equipment Use Expenses #15 “GRD Excavator” – Applicant must clarify how often in day(s) the piece of Equipment is expected to be used on the Project within a monthly basis.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Maintaining trails that provide for multi-use" and “Providing traffic control and/or educational signage”. Applicant must provide example(s) of Project activities being performed that support the selections (Applicant stated signage activities that have performed prior to this Project).
* #5 – Narrative does not support the selection. Quiet Warrior Racing does not appear to be an eligible partner as they are not an organization. Applicant must provide additional information that verifies they are an organization.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of "Providing sanitary facilities". Applicant must provide example(s) of Project activities being performed that support the selection.