

2022 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Preliminary Comments

USFS - Modoc 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.
- #7b – Applicant must clarify the percent of lands covered by patrols. In addition, Applicant must clarify if Forest Protection Officers have citation authority.
- #8b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide details on "recommendations for improvement in species management" and "Strategies to changing conditions..."
- #11a – Narrative does not support the "Bulletin boards, signs, or kiosks..." Applicant must clarify if they only have one staging area.
- #11b – Applicants must clarify if educational programs are conducted onsite.
- #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

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Ground Operations, G22-02-45-G01

Project Description - Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #6 – Applicant must clarify what “...rip rap barriers to prevent OHV entry in unauthorized areas” is, as it appears to be a Restoration activity.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #6 “Engineering Technician” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. The total did not increase compared to previous year’s Application; the total is the same.
- Staff #9 “Recreation Technicians” – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
- Staff #10 “Customer Service Representatives” – Applicant must provide the methodology for how the quantity of hours was determined: Applicant must include the percentage of time in an average business day personnel handle Off-Highway Vehicle related inquires and how that percentage was determined.
- Materials / Supplies #6 “Aggregate Baserock” – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
- Equipment Use Expenses#7 “Grader Rental” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined. In addition, Applicant must clarify how often in day(s) the piece of Equipment is going to be used on the Project within a monthly basis.

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use”. Applicant must identify if tracks for single use are included in the Project Area. Additionally, Applicant must clarify the use of a grader on a single track trail as typically a grader is not used on this type of trail.
- #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must explain how the public was notified of the meeting, who hosted the meeting, and state the number of

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participants that attended the public meeting. In addition, Applicant must state who hosted the stakeholder meeting.

- #5 – Narrative does not support the selection. “Modoc Recreation Working Group & Modoc Outdoor Recreation & Tourism” and “Pit River RCD” are not partners on the Project because they are not performing a Project deliverable on the Project.
- #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selections “Erosion control features which use...”, “Paper used for trail maps...” and “Other products...” are made with recycled materials.
- #8 – Background and/ or Project Description sections do not support the selections. Applicant must provide information that supports the selections. Applicant states non-motorized recreational opportunities within USFS – Modoc National Forest but does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project Area of this Application.