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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.
* #11a – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide details to support both selections address safe and responsible OHV recreational practices/recreation.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

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***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #6, 19, & 20 – Applicant’s methodology for how the total was derived in the notes section is inconsistent with the line total for each line item. Applicant must update information to be consistent for each line item.
* Staff #8 “BL/HS Archaeologist Tech TEMP (4) GS5” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Applicant requested four (4) “temp arch techs” in previous year’s Application.
* Staff #9, 13, & 16 – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Cost did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Staff #10 “Aquatics Biologist Tech (GS9)” – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Staff #15 “Wildlife Seasonals (4) GS6” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Quantity and rate did increase from previous year’s Application. In addition, cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Materials / Supplies #5 “Forest-Trailhead Signs/Info Boards” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Cost did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Materials / Supplies #10 “HS-OSV Trail Signs & Supplies” – Line item notes appear duplicative with Materials / Supplies #1 “Forest Signs on Trails”. Applicant must remove one line item or explain the need for separate line items.
* Materials / Supplies #11 “OHV/OSV Riding Safety Apparel” – Applicant must clarify the need for this line item as it was in the previous year’s Application.
* Materials / Supplies #17 “Sign for multiple use trails”– Applicant is reminded that signs for multiple use trails must have an OHV Recreation nexus.
* Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Forest-Fleet Vehicle OHV Accs/Upgrade” – Applicant’s notes are duplicative of previous year’s Application. Applicant must clarify how this line item is different from the previous year’s Application.
* Equipment Use Expenses #2 & 3 – Applicant must state the need for these line items as they are identical to those from the previous year’s Application.
* Equipment Use Expenses #7 “Forest Wide Equip. or accessory rental” – Applicant must clarify how the rental cost was determined.
* Equipment Purchases #3 “HSRD UTV”– Cost appears excessive. Applicant must further define how the cost was determined.
* Others #3 “Forest wide NON Equipment fuel” – Applicant’s notes are inconsistent and need to be revised. Notes state, “purchase of fuel for chainsaws, weed eaters or portable welders” and “OHV grant purchased vehicles such as ATV/UTV”.
* Others #4 “Staff and Volunteer Per Diem” – Applicant must separate per diem by “staff’ and “volunteer” and describe activities, days in the field requiring per diem, and how costs were determined.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Project Description section does not support the selection of “Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use”. Applicant must clarify its explanation as the Project does not appear to include the maintenance of trails for single vehicle use.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must state the number of participants that attended the public meeting. In addition, Applicant must identify the stakeholders who participated in the meeting and clarify how they are stakeholders to the Project.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections does not support selection of “Other products with recycled content” are made with recycled materials.