**El Dorado County CAO**

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.
* #7c – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must clarify that barriers are preventing OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas (unclear if “Ellis Intertie” meets this criteria) Applicant must explain how the maps and brochures educate the public on “OHV trespass, including respect for private property”.
* #8b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation for “Ongoing survey/inventory species…,” Ongoing survey/inventory archeological…,” “Biological monitoring…,” and “Components that evaluate...”. “Recommendations for improvement…” and “Strategies to respond…”.
* #11a –Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide details to support both selections address safe and responsible OHV recreational practices/recreation. #11b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must clarify how many onsite scheduled events are being hosted. County Fair is not considered “onsite”.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations G23-03-06-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* Applicant must clarify what “Best Management Practices (BMP's)” are and how they are used in context of this Project.

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

* Applicant did not submit Land Manager letters for any Project activities outside of the Applicant’s easement. Applicant must specify in the Project Deliverable section what Project activities will be performed on each Land Manager’s jurisdiction (USFS – Eldorado, Tahoe, and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit).
* #1 – Applicant must clarify if "service road to the county maintenance facility and septic storage vault" is open to “Green Sticker” vehicles. If not, the deliverable and any cost associated with the deliverable must be removed.
* #11 – Applicant must clarify how mapping for the habitat wildlife management plan is related to this Project.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Applicant must re-evaluate each line item to ensure the Project activities reflect work conducted on Applicant’s easement. In addition, Applicant must remove all cost associated with Project activities outside of the Applicant’s easement.
* Staff #1 & 2 – “Rate” significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the rate.
* Staff #8 & 9 – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
* Contracts #3 “Veerkamp Construction” – “Contractor runs the rock add it loading the rock in the buckets for flight on the trail” activities appear to be duplicative of Staff #7 “Highway Maintenance Workers” activities. Applicant must remove line item or clarify how activities in this line item are different from referenced line item.
* Contracts #5 “Lidar Survey” – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
* Equipment Use Expenses # 1-3 – Applicant must clarify if these line items are for fuel or a use fee. Applicant is reminded Applicant must clarify if Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program and that if the line items are a use fee Applicant must clarify how often in day(s) the piece of Equipment is expected to be used on the Project within a monthly basis.
* Equipment Use Expenses #4 “Murooka” – Applicant is reminded Equipment purchased through the Grants Program is not eligible for a use fee. Applicant must clarify if Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program. In addition, cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Equipment Use Expenses #5 “Pumper Truck”– Applicant is reminded Equipment purchased through the Grants Program is not eligible for a use fee. Applicant must clarify if Equipment was acquired through the Grants Program.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* Applicant must re-evaluate each criterion question to ensure the selections reflect the work being conducted on the Applicant’s easement.

**Planning G23-03-06-P01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #2 – Project deliverable description is unclear. Applicant must further define “30% plans”.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1-7 – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
* Staff #1“Project Coordinator” – Compared to like projects, rate appears to be excessive. Applicant must provide more details to justify the costs.
* Staff #5-7 – It is not clear why an “Equipment Operator” and “Trail Crew” are needed for a Planning only Project (Ground Disturbing Activities are not eligible in this Project type). Applicant must clarify.
* Contracts #1 “Environmental Consultant” – Applicant must provide more details on how the costs were determined and on the functions this consultant will be performing.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative only supports the last two selections. This Project is a plan to expand an existing parking lot. There are no potential effects on OHV Recreation.
* #3 – The Project is not eligible for this selection. Planning Project must involve road(s) and trail(s). Applicant must remove selection.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must identify how the public was noticed, who hosted the meeting, and state the number of participants that attended the public meeting. In addition, for the stakeholder meeting, Applicant must provide the location of meeting and/or if the meeting was held virtually (provide platform), and how they are stakeholders to the Project.
* #5 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide more details on how stakeholder input will be beneficial to the Project.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide more details on how each organization will participate in this Project. In addition, “McKinney Springs homeowners” and “OHV users” are not eligible as partners because they are not organizations. Lastly, El Dorado County does not qualify as a partner since they are the agency conducting the Project.

**Education & Safety G23-03-06-S01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #2 – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. The addition of having county staff at kiosk at Loon Lake to distribute OHV information/education was in the prior year’s Application.
* #3 – Applicant must provide the number of club meetings they anticipate attending and classroom outreach presentations they anticipate conducting.
* #5 – Project Description section does not support this activity as a Project deliverable. Applicant must confirm that sound testing is part of the Project or remove the language.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 "Park Aide" – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Applicant had two staff members last year.
* Staff #2 “Parks Program Coordinator” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Quantity of hours did not increase compared to previous year’s Application.
* Staff #3 "Parks and Trails Maintenance Worker" – "Thompson Jeep event" does not appear to be part of the Project. Applicant must clarify what the event is and what Project activities will be performed at this event.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional information on how “Eldorado Forest Service" and “Green Acres” are actively participating in the Project.
* #5 – Project Description section does not support selections. Applicant does not state the Project addresses the selected vehicle types.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must identify how the public was noticed, who hosted the meeting, and state the number of participants that attended the public meeting. In addition, Applicant must provide the location of meeting and/or if the meeting was held virtually, and how they are stakeholders to the Project.
* #7 –Narrative only supports the selection of “Plan to implement the Project”. Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measurable elements to the substantiate selections.
* #8 – “Self-guided trails”, “Social Media”, and “Website” are not eligible selections, as they are not part of this Education and Safety Project. Narrative does not support the selection of “Hands on learning”. Applicant must provide example(s) to support the selection.
* #9 – Narrative does not support the selection. Data for this narrative must align and correlate with the information provided in the Project Description, Project Cost Estimate, and evaluation criteria #8. In addition, “Signage” does not appear to be part of the Project. Applicant must provide additional details in the Project Description section to support the selection.
* #10 – Narrative does not support the selection. Data must align with information provided in evaluation criteria #8 and correlate with the response provided in the narrative of evaluation criteria #9.