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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**

* No Comment.

**Education & Safety, G22-04-19-S01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No Comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No Comment.

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

* The safety courses must be specifically identified for the general public. Applicant must ensure that the 3-day course is for the public and not geared towards government agencies and/or search and rescue teams.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No Comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1-3 – Hourly rate appears excessive for like Projects. Applicant must provide additional information on how hourly rate was determined. In addition, Applicant must provide number of staff that make up the line item (if more than one.)
* Staff #4-7 – Line items appear to be duplicative. Applicant must provide additional information as to why they are different or combine into one line item. In addition, Applicant must move all costs associated with volunteers to match and adjust the Project Cost Estimate accordingly.
* Contracts #1 “Insurance for Program”– Insurance costs are Indirect. Applicant must move line item to the indirect cost category and adjust the Project Cost Estimate accordingly.
* Materials/Supplies #1 “Printed Course Materials”– Certifications are not an eligible Project expense. Applicant must remove certifications from the note section along with all costs and adjust the Project Cost Estimate accordingly.
* Others #1 “Travel/Lodging” – Applicant may claim a “per mile” fee up to 100 miles each direction, per day and “per mile” cost shall not exceed the IRS standard mileage business rate. Applicant must move mileage to the Equipment use line item. Applicant is reminded that per Regulation 4970.08(4) All nonfederal agency Grantees shall follow the policy established by the State of California for its employees with regard to travel reimbursement and shall not exceed the rates paid to Exempt, Excluded, and Represented State of California employees. State of California travel reimbursement rates are posted on the California Department of Human Resources website located at www.calhr.ca.gov

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must list each partner separately and provide a detailed explanation how each partner will actively participate in the Project.
* # 7 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Objectives and outcomes.” Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measurable elements to substantiate selection.