**USFS - Los Padres 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**

* #1a & 1c – The dates are inconsistent. #1c indicates data was completed in fiscal year 2019, however #1a dates are listed as 10/2021 -09/2022. Applicant must clarify data.
* #2-5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #7b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must clarify if Fire Prevention Technicians have citation authority.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations G23-02-09-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 must spell out “CCTRA”. The stated miles in the Central Coast Trail Riders Association (CCTRA) Ground Operations Project are inconsistent with the miles identified in this section. The CCTRA Application includes up to seven (7) miles of ML2 road maintenance. Applicant must clarify the information in this section.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #6 “SLRD – Equipment/Dozer Operator” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Rate did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Staff #7 “SLRD/SBRD – OHV/Rec Program Supervisor” – Supervision of OHV employees in the office 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 #8 “MPRD - OHV/Rec Program Supervisor” – “Prepares maps, photos, documents as needed/required for submission to Div” 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 #10 “GS-9 Archeologist” – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the higher cost.
* Contracts #3 “SLRD Trail and Facility Crew” – Applicant's notes are inconsistent to the number of tours as it stated, "one tour $30,000" as well as "will pay for three tours". Applicant must revise. In addition, Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Rate did not increase from public comment.
* Materials / Supplies #6 “Chainsaw and Related Supplies” – Spare battery packs for chainsaws are considered an indirect expense as they do not directly relate to the scope of the Project. Applicant must move the verbiage for this item and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category.
* Equipment Use Expenses #1 “SLRD Mileage – FS Operated Dozer” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Cost did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Equipment Use Expenses #2 “SLRD FS Dozer Transport” – Applicant’s notes are inconsistent on quantity of miles with the amount budgeted in the line item. Applicant must clarify the quantity. Additionally, Heavy Equipment transportation expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile. Applicant must describe in the notes section how costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”
* Equipment Use Expenses #3 “SLRD UTVs” – Applicant is reminded Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. If applicable, Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”
* Equipment Use Expenses #7 “SBRD Dozer Rental” – Applicant’s notes are inconsistent on “per day” charge with the “Rate” in the line item. Applicant must clarify the rate.
* Others #3 “SLRD Dozer and OHV Fuel” – Dozer/UTV fuel appears to be duplicative of Equipment Use Expenses #3 “SLRD UTVs” and Equipment Use #5 “SLRD Dozer Rental” Applicant must remove fuel language and any cost associated or clarify how fuel in this line item is different from referenced line items.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide example(s) of Project activities being performed that support the selection.
* #5 – Narrative does not support the selection. Los Padres Forest Association (LPFA) is not a partner on the Project as they could be paid by this OHV Grant (Contract line Items #3 & 5).
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Protecting special-status species”. Applicant must provide example(s) of the activities performed in the Project that support the selection.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support selection of “Barrier materials…” as Applicant states “when available” which implies it may not be used.