



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Kings Beach, CA 96143

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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

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SUBJECT: Grants Program Update

Summary

The 2013/14 cycle of the Grants Program opened on January 13, 2014, and required final applications to be submitted by May 5, 2014. The Intent to Award document was posted on the OHVMR Division website on June 2, 2014. The awards became final on July 3, 2014.

The attached “Final Amounts Awarded” table provides a quick overview of the number of projects submitted, the amounts awarded per category, and the amounts awarded by type of grantee. A total of \$34,985,607 in grant funding is being awarded for the 2013/14 grant cycle.

OHMVR staff is currently working with successful applicants to initiate project agreements. Additionally, the Grants team will begin preparation for the 2014/15 grant cycle which begins on January 12, 2015.

Discussion

The OHMVR Division received seven appeals during this grant cycle. All appeals occurred in the Restoration category. The appeals centered on specific line items that were eliminated by the Restoration Review Team. All appeals were satisfactorily resolved.

A Development project submitted by the San Bernardino National Forest for the Baldy Mesa OHV Area has been tentatively approved pending further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review and approval. Additionally, a Restoration project submitted by the Southern California Mountain Top Foundation was tentatively approved pending further CEQA review. Both projects received significant public review and input during the grant cycle’s “Public Review Process.”

The projects are intended to bring management and resources to a popular OHV area that is currently unmanaged. The project area is located in the Cajon Pass and Baldy

Mesa area of the San Bernardino National Forest on the Front Country Ranger District. It lies north of State Route 138 and near Interstate Highway 15 where it crosses the summit of Cajon Pass. The project area is also located adjacent to the community of Phelan, California.

A large group of Phelan residents have objected to this project. Most of the comments received from the residents argued against the project. Specifically, they have expressed concern about the possible damage that might occur to the Sanford/Mormon Trail that runs through the project area. The Sanford/Mormon Trail is considered a cultural site—a trail that was used by pioneers in settling the west.

The OHMVR Division has approved TRA, Inc. to proceed with the CEQA review process for a determination on whether this project should proceed. The CEQA review process is expected to be completed by the end of December 2014. The CEQA review process will include a public meeting in the project area.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

Final Amounts Awarded Table

**Final Amount Awarded
2013/2014**

Summary by Applicant

	Ground Operations	Acquisition	Development	Planning	Restoration	Education & Safety	Law Enforcement	Total Projects	
USFS	17 projects \$6,310,066	0 projects \$0	5 projects \$1,029,871	6 projects \$653,040	9 projects \$2,389,640	6 projects \$258,636	19 projects \$1,994,174	62	\$12,635,427
BLM	10 projects \$1,611,265	0 projects \$0	1 projects \$121,993	5 projects \$324,032	6 projects \$1,367,441	3 projects \$342,488	11 projects \$1,782,275	36	\$5,549,494
Other Federal	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0	\$0
Local Agencies	10 projects \$1,626,240	0 projects \$0	3 projects \$1,513,792	1 projects \$25,323	1 projects \$31,674	6 projects \$345,275	40 projects \$2,480,000	61	\$6,022,304
Districts	2 projects \$55,252	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	2 projects \$310,424	1 projects \$23,805	0 projects \$0	5	\$389,481
Non-Profit	8 projects \$1,652,210	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	17 projects \$7,235,802	11 projects \$724,050	0 projects \$0	36	\$9,612,062
Educational Institutions	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	1 projects \$777,839	0 projects \$0	0 projects \$0	1	\$777,839
Total	47 projects \$11,255,033	0 projects \$0	9 projects \$2,665,656	12 projects \$1,002,395	36 projects \$12,112,820	27 projects \$1,694,254	70 projects \$6,256,449	201	\$34,986,607