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**STAFF REPORT:** Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program  
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**SUBJECT:** Grants Program Update

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**Summary**

Update on the status of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program).

**Discussion**

***2017/2018 Grant Cycle***

Per regulations governing the Grants Program, the 2017/18 Grants Cycle will commence on January 8, 2018, when application materials are made available on the OHMVR Division website. The timeline for the 2017/18 Grants Cycle is as follows:

- Grants workshops: Bakersfield – January 8 and 9, 2018
- Grants workshops: Sacramento – January 11 and 12, 2018
- Preliminary applications due – March 5, 2018
- Final applications due – May 7, 2018
- Intent to Award posted – June 4, 2018

***Regulations***

Grant staff are working on two regulatory change packages that will propose revisions to the OHMVR Grants Program regulations. Regulatory changes are subject to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) and are reviewed and approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

The first package has been submitted to the OAL through their “Changes Without Regulatory Effect” process which provides state departments a streamlined method to revise regulations to conform to new statute. This first package ensures that the Grants Program regulations conform to the recent revision to Public Resources Code Section 5090.50 as approved in Senate Bill 249 (Allen) and signed into law by Governor Brown. We anticipate approval by the start of the 2017/18 grant cycle.

The second package will be a more comprehensive review of the Grants Program regulations. A few of the revisions already identified include changes to reflect the direction the Department of Parks and Recreation has outlined in the recently released Operational Transition Plan. As this proposal will be a comprehensive review of the program regulations, we anticipate the process taking a year to complete. The projected date for the implementation of these proposed regulatory changes is the start of the 2018/19 grant cycle which is January 2019.

**Commission Action**

For information only.

**Attachments**

Key Dates

## **Grants and Cooperative Agreements Grants Program**

### **2017/18 Grant Cycle**

#### **Key Dates**

- 1/8 & 9, 2018 Workshop being held in Bakersfield, California.
- 1/11 & 12, 2018 Workshop being held in Sacramento, California
- 1/8/2018 Opening of the application process.
- 3/5/2018 Preliminary applications are due.
- 3/6 - 4/2/2018 Public comment period.
- 5/7/2018 Final applications are due.
- 6/4/2018 Application results and funding recommendation posted on the OHMVR Division website.
- 7/5/2018 If no appeals, awards become final.