

USFS – Shasta Trinity National Forest

Comments submitted by the 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 shall 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 requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division 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 California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #10 – Narrative does not support "At least 25% but less than 50%..." It is unclear if sound testing is currently being conducted.

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| Ground Operations – Maintenance, Operations and Repairs | G15-02-16-G01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Fire Prevention Patrol- Some listed duties are not eligible in a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust accordingly. • Materials and Supplies – Tools- Lockers or containers for PPEs are an Indirect Cost. • Materials and Supplies – Personal Protective Equipment Gear- Uniform components, hand sanitizer, disposable cleaning gloves are an Indirect Cost. • Others – Per Diem- Applicant must provide additional details, provide distance from main work location, explain if spiking out or staying in lodging and number of staff claiming. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support “Damage to special status species...” or “Additional damage to Facilities” selections. • #5 – Applicant must list each partner organization separately. Snowmobile avalanche workshops and trail ranger non law enforcement contacts are not related to this Ground Operations project. • #8 – Project Description only supports “Camping” selection. | |

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| Development – West Parks Eddy Lakes OHV Access | G15-02-16-D01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining the trail and erosion control are Ground Operations activities. Applicant must remove these activities from the project and adjust the cost estimate accordingly. Applicant may move these activities to the Ground Operations project. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – All line items- Applicant must provide additional details and explain duplicate line items with different rates. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #3 – Project Description does not support the last selection. • #9 – Project Description does not support the selections or explain how the project will improve or create a new trail that provide motorized access to non-motorized recreational opportunities. • #10 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must explain how the public was notified of the meeting(s) and where the meeting(s) were held. • #12 – Applicant’s previous grant awards do not support the selection. | |

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| Restoration – Eddy Creek Meadow | G15-02-16-R01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project staff was not mentioned, needs to be included. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “2. Greenhouse Restoration Program Ass”, some of activities identified, such as seedling maintenance in the nursery may be indirect. Applicant must provide additional details and/or move indirect costs to the Indirect category. • Staff- “3. Greenhouse Restoration Tech”, “4. Greenhouse Restoration Tech”, “5. WRI Intern Chico State U/ and Volu”, and “6. Greenhouse Volunteers”, the duties appear duplicative of the “2. Greenhouse Restoration Program Ass”. Additional details are needed. • Staff – “Greenhouse Volunteers”, the project description does not identify the need for volunteers. Additional details are needed. • Staff- “8. Equipment Operator, Asst.”, the duties appear duplicative of the “7. Equipment Operator”. Additional details are needed. • Equipment Use Expenses– “8223- Backhoe”, the cost of \$450 per month is excessive. Additional details are needed to justify the cost. • Equipment Use Expenses– “8305- Trailer”, the cost of \$381 per month is excessive. Additional details are needed to justify the cost. • Equipment Use Expenses– “7021- HD Truck”, the cost of \$624 per month is excessive. Additional details are needed to justify the cost. • Equipment Use Expenses– “1911- MD Pickup”, the cost of \$226 per month is excessive. Additional details are needed to justify the cost. • Equipment Use Expenses– “LD Pickup 4x4”, the cost of \$205 per month is excessive. Additional details are needed to justify the cost. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #6 – Narrative does not support “Applicant’s or Land Manager’s operational budget”. How can the applicant guarantee funding will be available for future operational costs? • #7 – Narrative does not support the selected items. Applicant must identify how the public was notified of the meeting. • #8- Narrative does not support the selected items. The greenhouse volunteers would be paid for this project as identified in the cost estimate and are therefore ineligible to include as a selection. • #11 – The project description does not support more than 10 acres of sensitive habitat will be restored within the Project Area. | |

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| Education and Safety – Mt. Shasta Avalanche Safety Program | G15-02-16-S01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Forest Avalanche Specialist” and “Assistant Avalanche Specialist”, costs seem excessive. Applicant must explain the “Qty” and “Rate” and provide further explanation on job duties and why two positions are necessary. • Staff – “FMSAC Executive Director” – Fundraising events, public presentation, marketing and program development, and grant administration are all indirect cost activities. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect Costs category. • Materials/Supplies – “Backcountry Access Radios & Battery”, are indirect costs to and Education project. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect Costs category. • Equipment Use Expense – “Vehicle Operations and Maintenance”, mileage can only be claimed from the base of operations to where project activities will occur. Per regulations, the base of operations is an area located within the parameters of the project site. • Equipment Purchase – “Search and Rescue Supplies” are an Indirect Cost to an Education project. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect Costs category. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Applicant must verify the response. • #9 & #10 – Selection made for #10 does not appear to agree with the # 9 selection. Questions #8, #9, and #10 are related. Applicant must re-evaluate responses. • #11 – The narrative does not support the response. | |

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| Education and Safety – Trail Ranger Education | G15-02-16-S02 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must clarify how the proposed project activities will be executed. • Ground Operation activities, such as soil and route monitoring and route signing (includes route markers), are not eligible under an Education and Safety project. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Assistant Forest Public Services Officer” activities are an Indirect cost. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect Costs category. • Staff – “Forest Webmaster” and “Public Affairs Officer” appear to be Indirect Costs. Applicant must provide additional details for each demonstrating how they are directly related to the project and/or move Indirect Costs to the Indirect Costs category. • Equipment Use – “Vehicle Mileage Use”, (Community Events) mileage can only be claimed from the base of operations to where project activities will occur. Per the revised Regulations, the base of operations is an area located within the parameters of the project site. • Others – “OHV Safety Instructor Certification” and “Uniforms” are Indirect Costs. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect Costs category. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Applicant must verify response. • #4 – Partner project related activities are tenuous in nature, thus not eligible for credit. Applicant must provide an explanation for how listed partners are partners to the project. • #5 – Selections are not addressed in the Project Description. Applicant must provide additional information substantiating all selections made. • #6 – Narrative does not explain how the stakeholders are stakeholders to the project. • #7 – Narrative does not support the selection; “Testing process”. Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measurable, elements to substantiate the selection.. • #8 – Narrative does not support the selections; “Outreach booths/Exhibits”, “Interpretive talks, rides events”, and “Self-guided trails” (tenuous). For selections actually being executed, Applicant must provide more details to support selections made. • #11 – Applicant must clearly show the project provides direct support for delivery of ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation training to the public. | |