

Agenda Item VI C. - Reallocation of Funds

Summary

The Division is proposing that the Commission reallocate \$2,548,000 of unrequested funds from the restoration category to other categories where requests for funding exceed the targeted funding set by the Commission. This action will not result in any reduction in obligated restoration funding nor adversely affect individual applications. The \$2,548,000 of restoration obligation will be tracked by the Division, and will be available for future spending for route designation planning and implementation by federal agencies and restoration projects pursuant to the provisions of SB 742.

Background

The OHMVR Commission established funding targets for the 2007/08 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program cycle at its January, 2007 meeting. The table below indicates the Commission Targets which were established, as well as the total amounts requested by applicants in each category. The last two columns indicate the difference between the Commission Targets and applicant's requests.

	Commission Target	Requested by Applicants	Unfunded Balance	Remaining Balance
Restoration	\$7,200,000	\$4,652,000		\$2,548,000
Law Enforcement	\$5,000,000	\$8,686,000	\$3,686,000	
Conservation	\$ 600,000	\$1,315,000	\$ 715,000	
Non-CESA	\$5,200,000	\$9,210,000	\$4,010,000	

As can be seen, requests for restoration funds were lower than the target set by the Commission, resulting in \$2,548,000 unspent funding in the restoration category.

Proposal

The Division is proposing the Commission vote to reallocate the funds remaining in the restoration category to other categories where requests for funding exceed the amount of funds available.

Discussion

Applications for restoration are not impacted by this proposal. All applications submitted complied with the program regulations and will receive full funding.

This proposal will not result in any change in the level of restoration funding established in PRC 5090.64. The \$2,548,000 of restoration funding will remain an obligation and will be tracked by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. This funding will be available for expenditure in future years for route designation planning and implementation by the federal agencies and for restoration projects as provided for in SB 742.

Pursuant to statute and the program regulations, the Commission retains the ability to revise the funding levels and reallocate funds as needed for the benefit of the program.

Modifying the funding targets does not impact the scores awarded to each application, thus there is no adverse effect on individual applicants.