



**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Livermore, CA**

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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

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SUBJECT: Update on the Grants Program

Summary

The 2011/12 State budget appropriation provides funding for the 2011/12 cycle of the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program) in the amount of \$21M, with an additional \$1.1M for restoration projects. This amount reflects an annual reduction of \$5M to the Grants Program which was signed into law last year:

- Operations and Maintenance (50%): \$10.5M
- Restoration (25%): \$5.25M (plus an additional \$1.1M)
- Law Enforcement (20%): \$4.2M
- Education and Safety (5%): \$1.05M

Discussion

Regulations Revisions Update

Proposed amendments to the regulations for the Grants Program were approved by the Office of Administrative Law and filed with the Secretary of State in December of 2011. The amended regulations became effective on January 9, 2012. The regulation amendment process included an initial 45-day public comment period and an additional 15-day public comment period that together generated seven comments.

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division would like to thank all participants who contributed to the regulatory revision process. The collaborative efforts by all involved in revising these regulations are both essential and appreciated as the OHMVR Division continually endeavors to improve the Grants Program.

2011/2012 Grants Cycle

As required by the regulations governing the Grants Program, the application process for the 2011/2012 grants cycle opened on January 9, 2012.

OHMVR Division staff conducted workshops in Ontario, California, on January 9-10, 2012, and in Sacramento, on January 12-13, 2012. Approximately 100 and 80 attendees, respectively, attended the workshops.

Preliminary applications are due March 5, 2012. During the month of March, preliminary applications will be reviewed by OHMVR Division staff and comments will be provided to the applicants. Additionally, during the month of March the public will have the opportunity to view and comment on the preliminary applications and provide feedback to both the OHMVR Division and the applicants.

Final applications are due May 7, 2012. All final applications will be reviewed and scores validated during the month of May. They will also be reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The OHVMR Division will post the "Intent to Award" document on the OHMVR Division website on June 4, 2012. After the required 30-day appeal period, and pending the resolution of any appeals, the grant awards will become final on July 5, 2012.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

Important Dates



OHMVR DIVISION

Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program 2011/2012 Grants Cycle

Important Dates

March 5, 2012: Preliminary applications are due.

March 6, 2012 - April 2, 2012: Public comment period.

- Public can view the preliminary applications at the OHMVR Division Grants Program OLGA website.
- Public can make comments by emailing the applicant with a carbon copy (CC) to the Division at OHVinfo.parks.ca.gov.

May 7, 2012: Final applications are due.

June 4, 2012: Intent to Award posted on Division website.

June 5, 2012 – July 4, 2012: 30-day appeal period.

July 5, 2012: First day for agreements.