**USFS - Modoc National Forest**

Comments submitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) 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 may 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/Heavy Equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the Department’s 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 Department except as allowed in the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations section 4970.09 (b)(10).

**General Evaluation Criteria**

* #2-5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

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***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

***Project Description – List of Project Deliverables***

* #4 – Installation of three (3) vault toilets was in the previous year’s Application. Applicant must confirm if the installation/replacement toilets were completed in the prior year’s Project or are in a different location. If in a different location, Applicant must provide the location of where each toilet will be installed/replaced. If toilets were previously installed in the same location the Applicant must remove the deliverable and any associated cost from the Project Cost Estimate.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “Forest Engineer” – “Assist with contract or agreements necessary to complete project deliverables” appears to be an indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must explain how this activity directly supports the Project or move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Costs category.
* Staff #8 “Partnership Coordinator” – Line item is considered indirect as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must move this line item to Indirect Costs category.
* Contract #2 “Modoc county Farm Bureau Labor Contract” – Applicant stated there is a “shift from previous years’ applications where these costs were represented in the staff category”. When including this year’s staffing costs and this contract line item, costs significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Contracts #3 & 4 – Heavy Equipment rental costs are not considered contracts. Applicant must move these line items to the Equipment Use Expenses category. In addition, Applicant must clarify how often in day(s) the piece of Heavy Equipment is going to be used on the Project within a monthly basis.
* Equipment Use Expenses #1 & 3 – Transportation fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”
* Equipment Use Expenses #2 “Dump Truck Operations” – Heavy Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”
* Equipment Use Expenses #4 “UTV Operations” – Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support selection of "Loss of OHV Opportunity". Applicant states "could result in loss of OHV opportunities", which means there may only be a loss of opportunity if the Project was not completed.
* #3 – Project Description section does not support the selection of “Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use”. Applicant must clarify its explanation as the Project is for maintaining “roads” and not single vehicle use trails. In addition, narrative does not support the selection of “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide example(s) of Project activities being performed that support the selection.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must state meeting location and the year of meeting(s).
* #5 – Narrative does not support the selection. “Modoc County Road Department” cannot be a partner in the Project as they are paid as part of this Grant. In addition, Applicant must specify what BLM office is a partner.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing an alternative to wet crossing…”. Applicant must provide example(s) of the activities performed in the Project that support the selection.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support selections of “Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content”, and “Other-office materials”.
* #8 – Background and/or Project Description sections do not support the selections. Applicant states non-motorized recreational opportunities within USFS – Modoc National Forest but does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project Area where trail maintenance is being performed.