



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Borrego Springs, CA

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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

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SUBJECT: Update on Grants Programs

Summary

Update on the status of the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP).

Discussion

Regulations

The OHMVR Division proposed changes to the regulations governing the Grants Program in July 2013, when the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register. The OHMVR Division received multiple public comments on the proposal and made modifications based on the comments. The resulting changes were available for public review on two separate occasions in August and September 2013.

As required by the Administrative Procedures Act, the final regulations package was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for review on October 15, 2013. The OAL has 30 working days to complete their review of the regulations and supporting documents. Final approval is expected by November 27, 2013, and the new regulations should be effective on January 1, 2014.

2013/2014 Grant Cycle

The 2013/2014 Grants Cycle will commence on January 13, 2014, when application materials are made available on the OHMVR Division website. The timeline for the 2013/2014 Grants Cycle is as follows:

- Grants workshops, Ontario – January 13 and 14
- Grants workshops, Sacramento – January 16 and 17
- Preliminary applications due – March 3, 2014
- Final applications due – May 5, 2014
- Intent to Award posted – June 2, 2014

Recreational Trails Program

Funding for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) was tentatively included in the 2013/2014 Budget, but the amount and status of the program was uncertain. Funding for RTP was subsequently clarified in Assembly Bill 101 which specified the available amounts for motorized and non-motorized projects.

The OHMVR Division will have approximately \$1.5 million available for distribution in 2014 for successful motorized RTP projects in California.

The OHMVR Division is currently contacting potential applicants and will conduct a single RTP workshop in Fresno on November 19, 2013. Motorized applications for the 2014 RTP cycle will be due in January 2014.

Commission Action

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