



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING

Sacramento, CA

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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

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SUBJECT: Grants Program Update

Summary

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

Discussion

G21 Grant Cycle

Per regulations governing the Grants Program, the G21 Grants Cycle will commence on January 11, 2021, when application materials are made available on the OHMVR Division website. The timeline for the G21 Grants Cycle is as follows:

- 2-day Virtual Workshop – January 6 and 7, 2021
- Preliminary applications due – March 1, 2021
- Public comment period – March 2 to May 3, 2021
- Final applications due – June 7, 2021
- Intent to Award posted – August 5, 2021

These dates are provided to ensure Commissioners, the public and applicants are aware of important dates within the grant cycle.

Regulations

Grant staff have been working on a regulatory change package that proposes revisions to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Grants and Cooperative Agreements program (Grants Program) regulations. Regulatory changes are subject to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) and are reviewed and approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

The package is a comprehensive review of the Grants Program regulations. A few of the changes include:

- Revised the maximum requested amount in the Operation and Maintenance category – including revising the maximum amount requested for Acquisition to \$1.5M.
- Revised the definition of Equipment
- Revised the maintenance requirement for Equipment purchased through grant funds

We anticipate approval from the Office of Administrative Law to be towards the end of December 2021. The new regulations will take affect with the beginning of the G21 Cycle which is January 2021.

Public Resources Code (PRC) 5090.23(b)

PRC 5090.23(b) states in part: *The meetings (Talking about the minimum four Commission meetings) shall include a public meeting, before the beginning of each grant program cycle to collect public input concerning the program, recommendations for program improvements, and specific project needs for the system.*

The OHMVR Division is utilizing this meeting to welcome input from both the Commission and the public. Our next grant cycle begins in January 2021; additionally, in 2021, we anticipate working on another regulatory change package that will revise the Soils section of our regulations to aligned with new language from the upcoming revisioin to the Soils Guidine and Standards. This is the opportune time for the Commission and the public to provide valuable feedback on how our program may improve.

Once all input is received from this meeting, the Division will carefully review, consider and analyze all input to ensure applicability and adherence to statitural requirements. Any changes made will be provided in future grant reports.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None.