

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program North East Trees, Inc.'s Preliminary Application Comments

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.

Failure by the Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary Application may be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's final Application.

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).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- No comment.

Restoration: G25-04-45-R01

Background:

- No comment.

Project Description:

- No comment.

List of Project Deliverables:

- #1 – The proposed Restoration protocols in the description (install protective fencing, gates, boulders, bollards, information kiosks, signage and etc.) are not considered Active Restoration Project activities. Applicant must update the Project deliverable description by eliminating or relocating any activities irrelevant to the deliverable title and/or removing any redundant language.
- #2 – Patrol is a Law Enforcement Activity. Applicant must clarify the meaning of "we will be patrolling" in this Project, as individuals without citation authority are not eligible to claim patrol hours.

- #3 – "Recognition sign" is not an eligible Restoration activity. Applicant must remove this activity and all associated costs.
- #5 – Applicant must provide additional information on what "person stewardship and restoration events, educational gatherings" encompasses. In addition, Applicant must provide the number of public outreach events they anticipate attending.

All Others:

- Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and how OHV Recreation caused the damage 4970.11(f)(1)(C) – Applicant must provide additional information if the Restoration activity being performed in the Project Area caused by current legal/illegal OHV Recreation in order to verify its OHV nexus.
- Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles – Applicant is unclear if the Restoration activities will encompass the entire "37 acres". Applicant must provide additional information regarding the specific Project Area(s), expressed in acres and/or miles, where the activities are to be conducted. In addition, Applicant must provide additional information if the restoration activity being performed in the Project Area is caused by current legal/illegal OHV Recreation in order to verify its OHV nexus.
- Monitoring and Methodology - 4970.11(f)(1) – Patrol is a Law Enforcement Activity. Applicant must clarify the meaning of "patrol" in this Project, as individuals without citation authority are not eligible to claim patrol hours. In addition, Applicant must further clarify how the proposed monitoring methodology will be used to determine the successful outcome of the Restoration Project. It is not clear what monitoring will occur to evaluate the "health and growth of the native habitat restored," and what criteria need to be met prior to biologists coming out to conduct monitoring surveys. Lastly, Applicant must clarify how "testimonials from adjacent residents" relate to monitoring the Project and how it will "determine the Project's effectiveness."
- Soil Control Efforts - 4970.11(f)(1)(I) – Applicant is reminded that a Habitat Management Program report and/or a Soil Conservation Plan must be submitted with their Final Application if the Division disagrees with the Applicant's assessment that no Ground Disturbing Activities contain any risk factors to the following: Special-status species, sensitive habitats, or have the potential to cause erosion or sedimentation which significantly affects resource values beyond the Facilities, and/or generate soil loss that exceeds restorability.

Project Cost Estimate:

- All Staff Line Items – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project, in the notes section of each line item.
- All Contracts Line Items – Applicant must provide more details on what activities will be performed within the contract and how the costs were determined, in the notes section of each line item.

- All Materials / Supplies Line Items – Applicant must provide a description as well as how the cost was determined, in the notes section of each line item.
- All Equipment Use Expenses Line Items – Applicant must identify the number and types of Equipment, how the cost was determined, and whether any Equipment was purchased using OHV Grant funding, in the notes section for each line item.
- Others #1 "Volunteer Match" – Applicant must move the verbiage for this activity and its associated cost to the "Staff" cost category. Applicant must additionally provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project, in the notes section for this line item.
- Indirect Costs #1 "15% of Direct Costs" – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project, in the notes section for each line item.