2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Tahoe National Forest 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.

Education & Safety: G25-02-20-S01

Project Description – Background

• Applicant is reminded to remove all Project Deliverables from the Project Description section.

Project Description – Project Description

No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 Applicant must provide additional information to support "...will endeavor to provide 1 MSF class if TNF staff can secure a Train the Trainer class" as it is unclear if this activity will occur.
- #2 Applicant must provide additional information to support "estimate to host 1 edu ride" as it is unclear if the activity will be completed.
- #3 Applicant must provide additional information to support "maps" as the activity appears duplicative of the Applicant's Ground Operations Application.

- #4 Applicant must provide additional information to support "signs" as the activity appears duplicative of the Applicant's Ground Operations Application.
- #9 Deliverable is ineligible for an Education Project as it is a Ground Operations activity. Applicant must remove and adjust Project Cost Estimate to remove all associated costs.

Project Description – All Others

No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 & 2 Applicant must provide additional information to support the line items as the activities appear duplicative of the Applicant's Ground Operations Project.
- Staff #5 & 7 Patrol is a Law Enforcement activity; Applicant must clarify the meaning of patrol in this Project.
- Staff #9 & 10 Line item Project activities appear duplicative. Applicant must remove one line item or explain the need for separate line items.
- Staff #11 "OHV Program Manager" Applicant must provide additional information to support the line item, as "will be a MSF trainer" is not clear. In addition, Applicant must identify how many dirt bike trainings will occur, as "one or two" is not clear.
- Staff #13 "Vol. Friends of Fordyce" Applicant must provide additional information to support the line item as it appears duplicative of the activities being completed in the Ground Operations Project under Staff line item #38 "YR Friends of Fordyce".
- Materials / Supplies #1-2 & 4-5 Applicant must provide additional information to support the line items as they appear duplicative of the Applicant's Ground Operations Project.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1-4 Applicant must change the Unit of Measurement to "Each" or "Miscellaneous" as a per-mile charge is not allowable.
- Other #1 "Solar Powered Message Signs" Line item is ineligible and must be removed.
- Indirect Costs #1 "TNF Administrative Assistant" Line item "Quantity" (QTY) increased compared to the prior year's Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase in QTY.
- Indirect Costs #2 "EZ Trailhead Host Stipends" Applicant must provide additional details to support "Hosts educate users of legal opportunities..." as it appears to be a Law Enforcement activity. In addition, Applicant shall clarify that stipend hours are not also included in the staff volunteer hour line items.

Ground Operation: G25-02-20-G01

Project Description – Background

No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

No comment.

Project Description – All Others

 Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles – Applicant must clarify the Project Area(s) to ensure consistency with the Project Description and List of Project Deliverables.

Project Cost Estimate

- Contracts #3 "TNF Road Reconstruction" Cost appears excessive. Applicant must clarify how the costs were determined.
- Equipment Use Expenses "Rental Articulating Dump Rubicon Rock" Applicant must clarify how the rental cost was determined.
- Equipment Purchase #1 "AR Technical Trail Dirt Bikes" –Applicant must clarify the need to purchase dirt bike as Applicant already owns multiple dirt bikes as identified in its Application Equipment Inventory.