



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 20, 2017

Agenda Item: OHV Program Grants Approval

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 min.

Background (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.):

The annual grant application period for proposed OHV grants closed February 1st. A change was initiated this year to move the grant opportunity to the winter months and have the award process complete by the time funding is available at the start of the new fiscal year on July 1st.

A total of 12 applications were received, with a total funding request of approximately \$171,000. It is anticipated that \$110,000 will be available to grant for each year of the upcoming biennium (calendar year's 2017 and 2018). The applications were scored by staff and discussed at the scheduled meeting of the citizens Off-Highway Advisory Committee (OHVAC) meeting on March 30th. All grant applications were reviewed with the OHVAC members present, resulting in the final recommendation for funding 10 grant applications at the amounts proposed.

Public Involvement Process & Results (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public):

The proposed OHV grant projects were posted on the website and public comment was solicited via the standard process for a 30-day period. The public comment period closed March 17, 2017. No public comments were received.

Alternatives and Analysis (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

Alt. #1 – not award the 10 OHV grants as recommended.

Alt. #2 – proceed with the award of the 10 proposed OHV grant projects for the current year's cycle.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it):

Proceed with the award of the 10 OHV grant proposals as scored and recommended.

Proposed Motion (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation):

I concur with the Parks Division's recommendation to award the 10 OHV grants for the current year's cycle.