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OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING

Virtual Meeting

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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

STAFF: Sixto J. Fernandez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Grants Program Update

Summary

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

Discussion

G22 Grant Cycle

The final awards for the G22 grant cycle became final on Monday, September 1, 2022, with the conclusion of the required appeals period. The final awards were posted on the OHMVR Division website on September 1, 2022.

Grants staff are currently working with the successful candidates to process the new project agreements. Additionally, staff is starting the preparation for the next grant cycle (G23) that begins in January 2023. We anticipate having a hybrid model workshop with an in-person and virtual component to it. The workshop will be held January 9 and 10, 2023.

Regulations

The OHMVR Division is currently working on a regulatory package to replace the 2008 Soils Standards and Guidelines with the new 2020 Soils Standards and Guidelines recently approved by the Department. A completed package was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for review in October 2021 and was subsequently withdrawn from consideration due to OAL's concerns with regards to the justification of changes to the 2008 Guidelines. Staff met with OAL to address their concerns and published an additional notification to the public enhancing the justification for the changes to the 2008 Soil Guidelines. We anticipate resubmitting the modified request in September 2022. The effective implementation of these new regulations is expected in early-2023.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

Final Awards Summary