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TOPIC #17a: Grants to Noise Enforcement Agencies

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Proposed Action: Adopt Resolution #2007-13

Summary:

The Capital Budget, signed by the Governor on May 15, 2007, requires that \$450,000 of the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program's appropriation be provided "solely for grants to local law enforcement and noise enforcement agencies for the enforcement of existing state noise laws and regulations." However, the 2007 NOVA grant cycle is already underway, guided by policies adopted prior to passage of the Capital Budget. Applications were due May 1, and no noise enforcement grant applications were submitted. A process is needed to make these funds available for their intended use.

Staff Recommendation:

IAC staff recommends that \$450,000 in the NOVA Program Account be reserved for a special grant cycle in 2008 for grants to noise enforcement agencies. Staff will work with stakeholders to develop policies and guidelines, to be approved by the IAC at its November 2007 meeting, and develop an outreach strategy to make the appropriate agencies aware of the opportunity to apply for funding.

Background:

The 2007-09 NOVA grant cycle is currently underway, with applications due May 1, 2007 and evaluations scheduled for mid-summer. A total of 85 applications have been submitted, requesting a total of \$9.2 M.

Analysis:

IAC staff considered two options for awarding the money earmarked for noise enforcement grants:



1. Extending the application deadline for the current grant cycle and notifying potential applicants of the availability of funds dedicated to noise enforcement proposals; and
2. Setting aside \$450,000 of NOVA funds to conduct a special grant cycle for noise enforcement grants in 2008. Staff would work with stakeholders to develop criteria and an evaluation process for approval at the November 1-2, 2007, IAC meeting.

Staff recommends Option 2. Currently there is \$9,036,000 available for NOVA grants. Setting aside \$450,000 would result in \$8,586,000 being available for traditional NOVA grants this biennium.

Next Steps:

- June-August: Work with the NOVA Advisory Committee and other stakeholders on potential criteria and an evaluation process
- September: Report to RCFB (IAC)
- October: Final draft out for public review
- November: Board adopts policies for a 2008 grant cycle.
- January 2008: Outreach to potential applicants; application workshops
- May 1, 2008: Applications due
- September, 2008: RCFB awards grants

Attachments:

- ESHB1092, Sec. 3144
- Resolution #2007-13

Attachment

NOVA Provisos, 2007-09 Capital Budget (ESHB1092, C520 L07)

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 3144. FOR THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR
OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities (08-4-008)

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: \$450,000 of the appropriation is provided solely for grants to local law enforcement and noise enforcement agencies for the enforcement of existing state noise laws and regulations. Grants may be used to acquire noise monitoring equipment and to compensate law enforcement agencies for staff overtime and administrative expenses.

Appropriation:

Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program

Account--State.	\$9,036,000
Prior Biennia (Expenditures)	\$0
Future Biennia (Projected Costs).	\$42,945,000
TOTAL.	\$51,981,000

**INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION
RESOLUTION #2007-13**

NOVA Grants to Noise Enforcement Agencies

WHEREAS, the 2007-09 Capital Budget (ESHB1092, C520 L07) requires IAC to provide \$450,000 of the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program appropriation "for grants to local law enforcement and noise enforcement agencies for the enforcement of existing state noise laws and regulations;" and

WHEREAS, the 2007 NOVA grant cycle is currently underway, governed by policies adopted prior to the passage and signing of ESHB1092; and

WHEREAS, time will be necessary for informing potential applicants about the availability of funding and for them to develop grant applications; and

WHEREAS, time will be necessary for IAC staff to work with stakeholders to develop eligibility and evaluation criteria and an evaluation process for awarding the noise enforcement grants;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the IAC reserve \$450,000 of NOVA Program Account funds for a 2008 grant cycle for noise enforcement grants; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IAC staff is directed to work with stakeholders to develop proposed eligibility and evaluation criteria and an evaluation process for consideration and adoption at the November 1-2, 2007 IAC meeting.

Resolution Moved by: _____

Resolution Seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____