



# RESOLUTION No. 24-064

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR AN OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25

WHEREAS, the People of the State of California have enacted the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for Operations and Maintenance, Restoration, Law Enforcement, Education, and Safety for off-highway vehicle recreations; and

WHEREAS, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division with the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the application to apply for Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, this Project is in conformance with this jurisdiction's adopted general or master plan and is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application(s) for an Off-Highway Vehicle Grant or Cooperative Agreement; and
2. Certifies that this agency understands its legal obligations to the State upon approval of the grant; and
3. Certifies that this agency understands the California Public Resources Code requirement that acquisition, and development projects be maintained to specific conservation standards; and
4. Certifies that the Project will be well-maintained during its useful life; and
5. Certifies that this agency will implement the Project with diligence once funds are available and the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees with the Project Agreement; and
6. Certifies that this agency will provide the required matching funds (as applicable); and
7. Certifies that the public and adjacent property owners have been notified of this Project (as applicable); and

8. Appoints the Nevada County Sheriff as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for completion of the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nevada County Sheriff's Office is authorized to submit an application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant for the fiscal year 2024/25 and will obtain the Board's approval for acceptance of this grant if awarded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a special meeting of said Board, held on the 20th day of February 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN  
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Hardy Bullock, Chair

Facesheet for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2024  
 Agency: Nevada County Sheriff's Office  
 Application: General Application Requirements

1/23/2024

**1. Agency Information**

- a. Agency Name Nevada County Sheriff's Office
- b. Organizational Unit 16
- c. Address 950 Maidu Ave
- d. Address 2
- e. City Nevada City State CA Zip 95959-8600
- f. Federal ID Number 94-6000526 Unique Entity Id.
- g. Agency's fiscal year (beginning month and day) July-01
- h. Agency Type
  - City  County
  - U.S. Forest Service  U.S. Forest Service - Patrol District
  - U.S. Bureau of Land Management  Federal Agency
  - Federally or State Recognized Native American Tribe  Educational Institution
  - Nonprofit Organization - 501(c)(3) status only  State Agency
  - District  Certified Community Conservation Corps

**2. Project Information**

- a. Project Name General Application Requirements
- b. Is implementing agency same as Agency  Yes  No
- c. Implementing Agency Name
- d. Amount of Funds Requested \$73,068.75 Project Cost \$97,425.00

**Project Request(s) Summary**

#	Project Type	Project Title	Grant Request	Match	Total Project Cost
1	G24-03-16-L01	Law Enforcement	73,069	24,356	97,425

**3. Contact**

a. Project Administrator

Name Dennis Haack  
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b. Authorized Representative

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A. Location Map

Attachment Title	Attachment
Location Map G23	32933_0_171_Location Map <u>G22.pdf</u>

**A. Equipment Inventory**

Has your agency acquired any Equipment from this Grants program that is still in use?  Yes  No  
(This question applies to Equipment purchased with Grant funds and/or claimed as match.)

#	Item Description	Make	Model	Model Year	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or Serial Number	Project Agreement Number
1	Polaris RZR UTV	Polaris	RZR	2,021	3NSN4E996MF149141	G19-03-16-L01

**PART 1 - HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP)**

**All Applicants submitting Projects involving Ground Disturbing Activities are subject to Habitat Management Program (HMP) requirements. The HMP must cover the combined Project Area of all proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities.**

Applicants able to certify that none of the proposed activities listed in the Application contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit only HMP Part 1. Applicants who cannot certify that the proposed activities listed in the Application do not contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit HMP Parts 1 and 2 in accordance with 14 CCR Section 4970.06.2.

1. Do any of proposed Projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities?  Yes  No  
(If you checked YES, complete Question # 2. If you checked NO, stop here, and proceed to the Public Review Process section).
  
2. Can the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities, including the OHV Recreation directly facilitated by these activities, contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats?  Yes  No  
(If you checked YES, complete Item #2. If you checked NO, complete HMP PART 2 at time of Final Application and proceed to the Public Review Process section).

**ITEM #2**

Discuss the research and justification used to certify that the proposed Project does not contain any risk factors to special status species and/or sensitive habitats. To demonstrate that all special status species and sensitive habitat have been considered for evaluation within the HMP, Applicants are encouraged to attach a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC), and USFWS National Wetland Inventory (NWI) record search for the proposed Project Area. The record searches ought to cover an appropriate buffer surrounding your proposed Project footprint(s).

Habitat Management Program (HMP) for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2024  
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**PART 2 - DETERMINE THE NEED FOR FULL HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP)**

- 1. \*Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (If you checked YES, complete #2. If you checked NO, stop here.)  Yes  No
  
- 2. Did the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities, in areas open to legal OHV Recreation including the OHV Recreation directly facilitated by these activities, contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats? (If you checked YES, stop here. If you checked NO, complete HMP Part 2 on the next page).  Yes  No

**PART 2 - HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP)**

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**PART 2 - HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP) - Additional attachments (large size)**

- i. Attachment 1
- ii. Attachment 2
- iii. Attachment 3
- iv. Attachment 4
- v. Attachment 5



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**A. Public Notification Efforts**

(Check all that apply)

- Notice to interested person(s) (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format)
- Published on Applicant's website (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format)
- Published in local newspaper (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format)
- News release issued (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format)
- Public meeting(s)/hearing(s) held either in-person or virtual. (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format)

**B. Public Comments**

**C. Application Development as a result of Public Comments**

- a. Were changes made to the Application as a result of public comments?  Yes  No  
(If selected YES, complete item b. If selected NO, stop here.)
- b. Describe how public comments affected the Application

## 1. Applicant Certifications

### A. General Conditions

- A.  The Applicant hereby certifies, under the penalty of perjury, compliance with the following terms and conditions:
1. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees to monitor the condition of soils and wildlife in the Project Area each year in order to determine whether the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to Public Resource Code (PRC), Section 5090.35 and the HMP prepared pursuant to Section 5090.53(a) are being met.
  2. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion, to repair and prevent accelerated erosion, until the same soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is met.
  3. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion until the same HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is met.
  4. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of off-highway motor vehicles and the other provisions of Division 16.5 (commencing with Section 38000) of the Vehicle Code and to enforce the other applicable laws regarding the operation of off-highway motor vehicles.
  5. The Applicant agrees to cooperate with appropriate law enforcement entities to provide proper law enforcement at and around the Facility.
  6. The Applicant's Project is in accordance with local or federal plans and the strategic plan for OHV Recreation prepared by the OHMVR Division.

### B. Programmatic Conditions

- B. **The Applicant must describe the following programmatic conditions:**
1. Identify the potential for the facility to reduce illegal and unauthorized OHV Recreation activities in the surrounding areas:  
The Nevada County Sheriff's Office does not have any OHV Recreation Facilities under its jurisdiction.
  2. Describe how the Applicant is meeting the operations and maintenance needs of any existing OHV Recreation Facility under its jurisdiction:  
The Nevada County Sheriff's Office does not have any OHV Recreation Facilities under its jurisdiction.

### C. Fee Collection

Describe how fees collected pursuant to Section 38230 of the Vehicle Code (in-lieu funds) are utilized and whether the fees complement the Applicant's proposed Project:

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office uses its in-lieu of tax funds for OHV/OSV enforcement during daily operations. These operations include, patrols in high use areas, designated areas as well as areas of ingress and egress. These patrols are done in marked Sheriff 4x4 vehicles, on quads, snowmobiles, snowcat and at times on foot. A portion of these funds will be used as matching funds for these listed patrols related to this project.

### D. Compliance with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C)

Projects within the O&M category that affect lands identified as inventoried roadless areas by the U.S. Forest Service, are compliant with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C).  Yes  No

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2. **Governing Body Resolution**

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Placeholder	

Certification – Required Documents for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2024  
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1. **Written Permission with Land Manager**

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2. **Verification of Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Status**

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3. **Nonprofit's IRS Form 990 or equivalent**

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4. **Nonprofit Certification**

Attachment Title	Attachment

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**ITEM 1. Describe the proposed enforcement Project including the geographical area served, educational outreach, and circumstances unique to the Applicant.**

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office proposal is for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant funding to pay for staff time and equipment for OHV trail patrols and Over the Snow, OSN enforcement. Currently, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office does not have sufficient funding available to patrol the multitude of OHV trails and unauthorized OHV areas in our jurisdiction that are used year round. Nevada County Sheriff's Office OHV enforcement incorporates large tracts of OHV-accessible federal lands in both the Tahoe National Forest and the Mother Lode Ranger District of the Bureau of Land Management. In addition to the authorized OHV areas, the Nevada County Sheriff is solely responsible for the enforcement of unauthorized OHV use on large tracts of open private lands belonging to Pacific Gas and Electric, Sierra Pacific Industries, and the Nevada Irrigation District.

### **Nevada County OHV Areas**

The OHV areas in the County of Nevada are divided into two distinct areas: Western Nevada County and Eastern County.

Western Nevada County has mostly low elevation OHV (under 4,000' in elevation) areas, which incorporate the authorized OHV single track areas of Chalk Bluff and Lowell Hill contained in the Burlington Motorcycle Trail System. The remainder of the OHV areas in Nevada County are authorized and unauthorized OHV areas consisting of federal land under Tahoe National Forest and Bureau of Land Management control; along with private land belonging to Nevada Irrigation District, Pacific Gas and Electric, Sierra Pacific Industries and citizens of Nevada County. These areas generate large amounts of public complaints every year due to trespassing, unsafe OHV operations, environmental damage, vandalism, illegal camp fires, and large amount of litter left behind by illegal OHV operators. During the winter, many of these trails are impassable in normal OHVs and result in rescues where specialized over the snow equipment is required. The common OHV areas in western Nevada County are listed as: the Bowman Lake area, Meadow Lake Area, the Fordyce Creek Trail, Chalk Bluff Road and Staging area, Greenhorn Creek/Red Dog Road/Buckeye Road area, the Burlington Ridge Trail, The town of Washinton, Gaston Road, Graniteville Road, and the Chicago Park Powerhouse / Lowell Hill Area.

Eastern Nevada County incorporates all of the over the snow vehicle (OSV) OHV opportunities, along with the majority of the authorized OHV use areas in Nevada County. Eastern Nevada County is home to the world class OHV opportunity, Fordyce Jeep Trail. This trail terminates into the Meadow Lake area and attracts thousands of OHV users throughout the season. A large draw for UTV and motorcycle riders is the Bowman Lake area's vast network of OHV approved roads. This area links together the high trafficked OHV areas of Gaston, Graniteville, Jackson Meadows, with those of Meadow Lake and Webber Lake. In the winter months, this area is open to hundreds of square miles for OSV

recreation.

The Tahoe National Forest Prosser Pits OHV area is located just north of the Town of Truckee. This, along with the Boca OHV/OSV staging area, allows riders to access the easternmost areas of Nevada County, which border and provides access to the State of Nevada OHV areas.

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office intends to conduct a public education program incorporating social media, OHV/OSV contacts, and educational booths at community fairs. This is in response to public confusion of what areas of Nevada County are open to OHV use, and what areas are closed. Many of the traditional areas seeing heavy OHV use, are in fact, closed to all but highway legal vehicles. However, years of unauthorized OHV use has led to a false public perception on the legality of accessing these lands and roadways. These educational efforts will be teamed with those efforts by the Tahoe National Forest and the Placer County Sheriff's Office.

**ITEM 2. Describe the number of miles, acreage or square miles patrolled.**

In the Tahoe National Forest lands within Nevada County there are 80 miles of designated motorized OHV trails and 68 miles of OSV trails. This is in addition to hundreds of miles of OHV designated roads, and hundreds of miles of unauthorized OHV trails and roadways. During each season, Nevada County hosts numerous ATV, moto, and 4x4 events.

We will make contact with those OHV/OSV enthusiasts who trespass on private property and reduce the problem through a program of education and enforcement. We will patrol and make education and enforcement contacts relative to complaints of noise, dust, and other disturbances.

The following areas are just a few of the portions of Nevada County with a large amount of OHV use:

**Fordyce Jeep Trail-**

The Fordyce Jeep trail is 11.9 miles long. It begins at Indian Springs Campground off of Eagle Lakes Road and ends at the Meadow Lake Campground. Due to it being inaccessible to most law enforcement resources, this area has gained a reputation for "lawlessness." The Sheriff's Office custom built Jeep has been used to patrol the trail during high use events using OHV funds. The Deputies presence have been welcomed by trail users.

**Burlington Motorcycle Trail System-**

The Tahoe National Forest staging area for this 50-mile-long OHV single track is located on Chalk Bluff Road, just off of Highway 20. This trail wanders from Skillman, through Omega, to the Lowell Hill Ridge, and then over to touch the Bear Valley.

**Town of Washington-**

The Town of Washington is a popular and advertised staging area for all types of OHVs. Most OHV's travel up Gaston Road (closed to non-highway legal OHV's) to access the OHV legal Forest Service roads in the Graniteville and Marsh Mill area. This area is also one of the gateways to the Bowman Lake area.

**Bowman Lake-**

The general area of Bowman Lake is home to miles of Forest Service roads open to OHV use. This area is accessed from Bowman Lake Road off of Highway 20, from the Town of Washington, and from Jackson Meadows Road off of Highway 89.

**Meadow Lake-**

Meadow Lake is home to the end of the Fordyce Jeep Trail, and is central area for all type of OHV riders. This area is accessed from Meadow Lake Road off of Jackson Meadow Road, through the Fordyce Jeep Trail, or from the Bowman Lake/Jackson Meadows Reservoir areas.

**Prosser Pits OHV Area-**

This area incorporates the Tahoe National Forest Prosser Pitts OHV park, Prosser Reservoir, and the single and double-track trails around Boca Reservoir. This area is accessed on Prosser Dam Road, off of Highway 89. During the winter months, this is a common staging area for OSVs accessing the Boca riding areas.

**Greenhorn Creek-**

The Greenhorn Creek drainage was historically open to OHV access. However, after years of environmental damage, citizen complaints over noise, and dumping of trash, the federal lands were administratively closed to OHV use. The private land owned by Hansen Brothers Enterprises and the Nevada Irrigation District were also closed to OHV use for the same reasons.

Access to the Greenhorn Creek drainage is made from Buckeye or Red Dog Road.

**Chicago Park Powerhouse/Steephollow Creek/Lowell Hill Road-**

The area is owned by Pacific Gas and Electric, Nevada Irrigation District, Tahoe National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, and private citizens. area is expressly off limits to OHV use however sees heavy OHV use.

**ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols.**

This project requires the Nevada County Sheriff's Office to staff OHV patrols during the summer season, primarily on the weekends. Winter OSV patrol during the winter months, typically December to April, would focus on the historical high use areas.

The project is requesting funds to staff two deputies to patrol eastern Nevada County (Fordyce Trail/Meadow Lake/Prosser), and two deputies to patrol western Nevada County (Town of Washington/Greenhorn/Lowell Hill Road) on the busy summer weekends. Two separate teams are needed due to the time needed to access each of these separate areas and to deal with the high amount of OHV use in both areas. Patrols would be

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conducted at the trailheads and on the trails with vehicles capable of operating in the extreme OHV environments found in Nevada County. With the request of 800 Deputy hours, we would be able to staff both of these teams for half of the weekends in the year or or one team for one day each week of the year.

In addition to the funding for patrol hours, there are staff hours built to facilitate maintenance, off season OHV rescues, holidays, special OHV events, and training. The OHV events include, but are not limited to education displays at the Nevada County Fair, National Night Out, and educational participation in the California Four Wheel Drive Association Winter Fun Festival and Sierra Trek.

**ITEM 4. How many officers will be deployed for the purposes of the proposed Project?**

Due to the remote locations and harsh terrain, a response time for a normal patrol deputy in many of the projects areas ranges from 1-2 hours, to being inaccessible; depending on the location of the incident. It is important that deputies are doubled-up for safety while performing enforcement activities for that reason.

For a normal in-season OHV patrol deployment day, two to four deputies would deploy a UTV, dual sport motorcycles, or a trail capable Jeep; seperated into eastern and western teams. Due to the hours of drive time on rough roads between the eastern and western OHV areas in Nevada County, one two-person patrol team cannot reasonably cover both areas.

Maintenance-intensive, highly-modified/trail-capable vehicles, with trained operators are required to access the project areas with adequate staff and equipment to handle the expected law enforcement tasks.

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office is committed to deploying deputies who will receive training and experience in the off road operation of specialty vehicles. This program also covers a sergeant who will oversee the OHV unit for training standards, scheduling, maintenance, and field supervision. In addition, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office will provide a financial accountant to track and recover expenditures within the OHV program. The Nevada County Sheriff's Office provides specialty training oppurtunities for OHV enforecement and vehicle familiarization. The assigned Deputies for this project will be from a pool of approximately 30 trained Deputies.

For the winter months, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office owns a Tucker Sno Cat and are have aquired a tracked Polaris RZR for winter OSV operations. For wheeled vehicles patrols, the Nevada County Sheriff's owns a highly modified Jeep, an OHV funded Polaris RZR, and two Honda dual sport motorcycles with two additional motorycles to be purchased in 2023. Funds are requested to cover the daily use of the Nevada County Sheriff's Office owned Jeep, Polaris Rzr, and motorcycles. The daily use fees were determined by those fees charged by like rental vehicles used in our service area. One of the Polaris Rzr's was purchased with OHV grant funds and is not eligable to recieve daily



use fees.

### District and County Information

#### A. California State Senate Districts

Select one or more of the California State Senate Districts where the proposed project activities will occur. Copy and Paste the URL (<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>) in your browser to determine the State Senate district(s).

State Senate 01

#### B. California State Assembly Districts

Select one or more of the California State Assembly Districts where the proposed project activities will occur. Copy and Paste the URL (<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>) in your browser to determine the State Assembly district(s).

State Assembly 01

#### C. California Congressional Districts

Select one or more of the California Congressional Districts where the proposed project activities will occur. Copy and Paste the URL (<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/CA#map>) in your browser to determine the Congressional district(s).

Congressional District 1

#### D. County

Select one or more of the California Counties where the proposed project activities will occur.

Nevada

**Law Enforcement - Page 1**

1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:  
  
Over the past three years, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office has been rebuilding its on-trail OHV and OSV enforcement and trail capable vehicles. The only OHV presence the Nevada County Sheriff's Office has had, has been trailhead and staging area patrols in normal patrol vehicles. This has allowed the trails and most of the unauthorized OHV areas to be free from any type of law enforcement presence. This has created a culture of OHV use detrimental to public safety, detrimental to the environment, and detrimental to the sustainability of the OHV areas within Nevada County. The County of Nevada made local recreation a priority and have provided funding for additional staffing and equipment. This combined with OHV funding provided through State Parks have resulted in a lower number of complaints throughout in the county related to OHV users.

All of the project areas listed within the grant are deemed a high law enforcement priority and our goal is to maintain the culture created over the last few years. The previous lack of education and enforcement in these areas was met with a strong response from the community. Residents of Nevada County who lived in or near the unauthorized OHV had routinely filed complaints with Nevada County Sheriff's Office for trespassing, vandalism, and safety issues by OHV riders.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:  
  
By coupling aggressive education with enforcement activities this project will allow safe OHV/OSV opportunities in Nevada County. The project will help reduce the number of OHV/OSV complaints directed towards under funded and under staffed federal land agencies by neighboring private landowners which will help reduce potential public land closures to OHV/OSV recreation. The projects will also ensure that out of state OHV/OSV users comply with California's laws and standards of safe OHV/OSV operation.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:  
  
The Nevada County Sheriff's Office works with the USFS, BLM and State Parks on a mutual aid basis. Additionally the USFS contracts with the Nevada County Sheriff's Office for additional law enforcement coverage during the summer months. The Nevada County Sheriff's Office plans to work with the Placer County Sheriff's Office towards an MOU for mutual aid and training. Nevada County supported the USFS with forest closures due to fire danger in previous years. The USFS has contacted the Sheriff's Office for assistance approximately six times a year for large groups of unruly side by side users known to be associated with criminal behavior. The Sheriff's Office works with the USFS and CHP for increased enforcement and presence during these events.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit?  Yes  No

Explain:

The privately sponsored OHV/OSV events in Nevada County obtain their use permits through the USFS. The Nevada County Sheriff's Office receives no funds from these events.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations?  Yes  No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office conducts hands on training for deputies on OHV/OSV operation and safety as needed. The training is currently provided for select deputies and specialized teams. Briefing training is provided for all deputies on vehicle code sections pertaining to OHV/OSV operation and enforcement.

Additionally selected deputies will be sent to OHV Enforcement Training provided by the California State Parks OHV Program. Natural and cultural resource protection is addressed in OHV enforcement training.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan?  Yes  No

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office enforces all local and state laws on public lands within its jurisdiction pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with Federal Agencies.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office does not manage any OHV Facilities.

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs?  Yes  No

<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	Nevada County Sheriff's Office		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Law Enforcement	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G24-03-16-L01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Planning		
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The Tahoe National Forest Prosser Pits OHV area is located just north of the Town of Truckee. This, along with the Boca OHV/OSV staging area, allows riders to access the easternmost areas of Nevada County, which border and provides access to the State of Nevada OHV areas.

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office intends to conduct a public education program incorporating social media, OHV/OSV contacts, and educational booths at community fairs. This is in response to public confusion of what areas of Nevada County are open to OHV use, and what areas are closed. Many of the traditional areas seeing heavy OHV use, are in fact, closed to all but highway legal vehicles. However, years of unauthorized OHV use has led to a false public perception on the legality of accessing these lands and roadways. These educational efforts will be teamed with those efforts by the Tahoe National Forest and the Placer County Sheriff's Office.

Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>						
Program Expenses						
1	Staff					

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Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
1. Staff-Staff-Law Enforcement Officers Notes : 2. Staff-Law Enforcement Officers Notes : FLSA Overtime for Patrol Deputies for proactive OHV patrol, OHV specific training, and public education as assigned/scheduled by the Sergeant for Eastern Nevada County on UTV/Jeep/Patrol Vehicle. Due to contract negotiations the hourly rate was increased by an estimated 7.5% in the GCA-24 application.	800.0000	80.330	HRS	64,264.00	48,198.00	16,066.00
2. Staff-Staff- Law Enforcement Office-SGT Notes : FLSA overtime and straight time for the OHV sergeant conduction field patrol, OHV specific trainings, and public education in OHV areas, supervision of deputies, and scheduling. Due to contract negotiations the hourly rate was increased by an estimated 7.5% in the GCA-24 application.	80.0000	97.720	HRS	7,818.00	5,863.50	1,954.50
<b>Total for Staff</b>				72,082.00	54,061.50	18,020.50
<b>2 Contracts</b>						
<b>3 Materials / Supplies</b>						
<b>4 Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
1. Equipment Use Expenses-Jeep Daily Use Fee Notes : The Jeep Daily Use Fee applies to the Jeep purchased and modified by the Nevada County Sheriff's Office with funds outside of the OHV Grants program. Due	20.0000	750.000	DAY	15,000.00	11,250.00	3,750.00

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<p>to the major modifications to the stock Jeep, totaling approximately \$59,000, in order to make it capable to patrol the Fordyce Trail; no comparable rentals could be found. The \$750 daily use fee represents an expected reasonable rental fee under that of a comparable vehicle if one could be found. Barlow Adventures offer guided Jeep excursions on the neighboring Rubicon Trail at approximately \$1,500 per day to use their Jeeps. The Barlow Adventures' Jeeps are comparable to the Jeep owned by the Nevada County Sheriff's Office.</p>						
<p>2. Equipment Use Expenses-Motorcycle Daily Use Fee                      Notes : The Motorcycle Daily Use Fee applies to (4) Dual Sport 250-400 CC motorcycles purchased by the Nevada County Sheriff's Office with funds outside of the OHV Grants program. The \$175 daily use fee was determined by the comparing daily rental rates from vendors in our area. Tahoe Dirt Bikes, in Nevada County, rents a comparably motorcycle, the Yamaha XT 250, for a daily rental fee of over \$200.</p>	20.0000	175.000	DAY	3,500.00	2,625.00	875.00
<p>3. Equipment Use Expenses-RZR (NCSO Purchased) Daily Use Fee                      Notes : The Nevada County Sheriff's Office owns two Polaris Rzrs, one of which was purchased through the OHV Grant. The RZR Daily Use Fee applies to the RZR purchased and modified by the Nevada County Sheriff's Office with funds outside of the OHV Grants program, totaling over</p>	10.0000	500.000	DAY	5,000.00	3,750.00	1,250.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
	\$43,000. Due to the major modifications to the stock RZR, approximately \$20,000, in order to make it capable to patrol on tracks over the snow; no comparable rentals could be found. The \$500 daily use fee represents an expected reasonable rental fee under that of a comparable vehicle if one could be found. Chico Offroad Rentals offer RZR rentals for stock units at approximately \$450 / day. A Truckee "connection" business, Adrenalineconnection.net showed tracked units for rent for approximately \$900 / day.						
<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>					23,500.00	17,625.00	5,875.00
5	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
6	<b>Others</b>						
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					95,582.00	71,686.50	23,895.50
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					95,582.00	71,686.50	23,895.50
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Indirect Costs</b>							
1	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
	1. Indirect Costs-Grant administration / accounting Notes : 1. Indirect Costs-Grant administration / accounting Notes : Hourly rate for an accounting specialist for billing and contract administration.  Due to contract negotiations the hourly rate was increased	60.0000	30.710	HRS	1,843.00	1,382.25	460.75



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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
	by an estimated 7.5% in the GCA-24 application.						
	<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>				1,843.00	1,382.25	460.75
	<b>TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>				1,843.00	1,382.25	460.75
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>97,425.00</b>	<b>73,068.75</b>	<b>24,356.25</b>

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	Category	Total	Grant Req.	Match	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	72,082.00	54,061.50	18,020.50	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	23,500.00	17,625.00	5,875.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		95,582.00	71,686.50	23,895.50	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		95,582.00	71,686.50	23,895.50	
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Indirect Costs</b>					
1	Indirect Costs	1,843.00	1,382.25	460.75	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>		1,843.00	1,382.25	460.75	
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>		1,843.00	1,382.25	460.75	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		97,425.00	73,068.75	24,356.25	

**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project?  Yes  No  
If checked YES, attach the NOD and corresponding CEQA document below. If checked NO, complete ITEM #2.

Attachment

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**ITEM 2**

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b))  Yes  No

**ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (Click on the "Show Instructions" button for note)**

- c. Are the proposed activities a "project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378?  Yes  No  
If YES, complete ITEMS 4 - 13. If unsure, select YES, and complete ITEMS 4 - 13. If checked NO, complete letter d.
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. If checked YES, stop here. If checked NO, complete ITEM # 3e.
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and are thus not a "project" under CEQA. E.g., Project activities involving heavy equipment, grading, etc. typically are considered a project under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 - 13.

**ITEM 4 - Specify all standard measures (e.g., BMPs, established SOPs, or similar) within the Project description that have been incorporated into the Project description to avoid potential impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, or other resources evaluated in the ERDS. (Response is limited to 5,000 characters)**

**ITEM 5 - Evaluate the impact of this Project on wetlands, navigable waters, special-status species (including threatened and endangered species), and sensitive habitats. All Applicants must address all special-status species that have the potential to occur in the Project Area. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the evaluation to determine potential impacts. (Click on the "Show Instructions" button for more information)**

**ITEM 6 - Applicants are encouraged to refer to the USFWS IPaC to identify designated critical habitat within and surrounding the Project Area.**

- Does USFWS final or proposed designated critical habitat for threatened and/or endangered species exist within or surrounding the Project site?  Yes  No

**ITEM 7 - Evaluate cumulative impacts from this Project along with others of the same type in the same general place, such as increased noise or traffic. Refer to the cumulative impacts discussion in the environmental impact statement, land management plan, or other sources as appropriate. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the evaluation to determine potential impacts. (Response is limited to 5,000 characters)**

**ITEM 8 - Discuss whether the proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment due to substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the discussion to determine potential effects. (Response is limited to 5,000 characters)**

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**ITEM 9 - Discuss the potential for damage to scenic resources within the viewshed of a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. Describe what analysis was completed as part of the discussion to determine potential impacts. (Response is limited to 5,000 characters)**

**ITEM 10 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)?  Yes  No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards:

**ITEM 11 - Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the discussion to determine potential impacts. (Response is limited to 5,000 characters)**

**ITEM 12 - Discuss the potential for the Project to cause indirect significant impacts, such as by causing user groups to go elsewhere, causing significant impacts off-site, or significantly increasing use in the vicinity of the Project site. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the discussion to determine potential impacts. (Response is limited to 5,000 characters)**

**ITEM 13 - Discuss if the approval of the proposed project would change the existing baseline conditions and/or change OHV facility operations. (Response is limited to 5,000 characters)**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment (Click on the "Show Instructions" button for more information)**

Attachment Title	Attachment