



RESOLUTION No. 25-137

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 2025/26

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 2025/26 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 regular meeting of said Board, held on the 22nd day of April 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Robb Tucker, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: *CS*, Deputy COB

Heidi Hall
Heidi Hall, Chair

**NEVADA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



SHANNAN MOON
SHERIFF/CORONER
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

To whom it may concern,

As required by California Code of Regulations, section 4970.05(e), notice is hereby given that Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner of Nevada County, will apply for an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Enforcement Grant from the California State Parks OHV Division.

The grant, in the amount of \$79,377.00 would be used to provide OHV law enforcement patrols in the Greenhorn Creek, Steephollow Creek, Chalk Bluff, Deadman's Flat, Jackass Flat, Town of Washington and Bowman Lake areas of Western Nevada County. Patrols conducted along Highway 20 and Interstate 80 corridor will include Bear Valley, Indian Springs and Rattlesnake Mountain. Patrols in Eastern Nevada County will include Meadow Lake, Boca Reservoir, Prosser Hills, Prosser Pitts and the Little Truckee Summit.

The Off Highway Vehicle grant application may be available for online viewing and public comment March 4, 2025 through May 5, 2025 at <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov> . The grant application may be viewed at the Nevada County Sheriff's Office, 950 Maidu Ave., Nevada City, CA.; Nevada County Sheriff's Truckee Station, 10879 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA. or online at

<https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/56648/25-26-OHV-Preliminary-Grant-Application-to-State-Parks>

Questions and comments from the public may be directed to the Nevada County Sheriff's Office by telephone, (530)265-1471, or by mail at Nevada County Sheriff's Office, Attn: Sergeant Dustin Moe, 950 Maidu Ave., Nevada City, CA 95959.

General Application Requirements

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1. Agency Information

- a. Agency Name Nevada County Sheriff's Office
- b. Organizational Unit
- 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 \$79,377.00 Project Cost \$105,836.00

Project Request(s) Summary

#	Project Type	Project Title	Grant Request	Match	Total Project Cost
1	G25-03-16-L01	Law Enforcement	79,377	26,459	105,836

Facesheet for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2025
Agency: Nevada County Sheriff's Office
Application: General Application Requirements

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3. Contact

a. Project Administrator

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c. Authorized Representative

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A. Location Map

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Equipment Inventory

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A. Equipment Inventory

Has your Agency acquired any Equipment, Heavy Equipment, or Trailer from this Grants program that is still in use? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(This question applies to Equipment, Heavy Equipment, or Trailer 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 1000	2,021	3NSN4E996MF149141	G19-03-16-L01

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DETERMINE IF HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP) AND SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN (SCP) ARE REQUIRED

All Applicants submitting Projects involving Ground Disturbing Activities are subject to HMP and SCP requirements. The HMP and SCP must cover the Project Area(s) as described in the Application for proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities.

1. Do any of the proposed Projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If you checked YES, list the Project number(s) below and answer question #2 and question #3. If you checked NO, stop here and proceed to Certifications section).

(If you checked YES, list the Project number(s) below and proceed to Question #2)

HMP Part 1

Applicants able to certify that none of the proposed activities listed in the Application, including the OHV Recreation occurring in the Project Area, contain any Risk Factors to special-status species and/or the habitats they rely on shall submit only HMP Part 1. Applicants who cannot certify that the proposed activities listed in the Application do not contain any risk Risk Factors to special-status species and/or the habitats they rely on shall submit HMP Parts 1 and 2 (14 CCR Section 4970.06.2).

2. Can the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities, including the OHV Recreation occurring in the Project Area, contain any Risk Factors to special-status species and/or the habitats they rely on? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you checked YES, complete the Justification for No Risk Factors at time of Preliminary Application.

If you checked NO, proceed to SCP Part 1 (Question #3) and complete HMP PART 2 at the time of Final Application.

Justification for No Risk Factors

Discuss the research and justification used to certify that the proposed Project and the OHV Recreation occurring in the Project Area do not contain any Risk Factors to special- status species and/or the habitats they rely on. To demonstrate that all special status species and the habitats they rely on 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.

SCP Part 1

Applicants able to certify that none of the proposed activities listed in the Application, including the OHV Facilities in the Project Area, have the potential to cause erosion or sedimentation shall complete only SCP Part 1. Applicants who cannot certify that the proposed activities listed in the Application, including the OHV Facilities in the Project Area, will have no potential to cause erosion or sedimentation shall complete SCP Part 1 at the time of Preliminary Application and complete a Soil Conservation Plan in accordance with 14 CCR Section 4970.06.3 at the time of Final Application.

3. Can the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities, including the OHV Facilities in the Project Area have the potential to cause erosion or sedimentation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you checked YES, complete the Justification of No Erosion or Sedimentation Potential at the time of Preliminary Application. If you checked NO, complete a Soil Conservation Plan for the Project Area in accordance with 14 CCR Section 4970.06.3 at the time of Final Application and proceed to Certifications section.

Justification of No Erosion or Sedimentation Potential

Discuss the analysis and justification used to certify that the proposed Project and the OHV Facilities in the Project Area do not have the potential to cause erosion or sedimentation.

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PART 2 - DETERMINE THE NEED FOR FULL HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP) AND SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN (SCP)

1. *Do any of the proposed Projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (If you checked ☐ Yes ☒ No YES, complete #2. If you checked NO, stop here and proceed to Public Review section.).
2. Did the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities, including the OHV Recreation occurring in the Project Area, contain any Risk Factors to special-status species and/or the habitats they rely on? (If you checked YES, proceed to questions #3. If you checked NO, proceed to questions #3 and attach the HMP on the next page.). ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Did the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities, including the OHV Facilities in the Project Area, have the potential to cause erosion or sedimentation? (If you checked YES, proceed to Public Review section. If you checked NO, attach the SCP on the next page.). ☐ Yes ☐ No

PART 2 - HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP) AND SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN (SCP)

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PART 2 - HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP) AND SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN (SCP) - Additional attachments (large size)

- i. Attachment 1
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Public Review Process

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A. Public Notification Efforts

(Check all that apply and attach supporting document(s))

- ☐ 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)

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Notice to interested person(s)

Published on Applicant's website

Published in local newspaper

News release issued

Public meeting(s)/hearing(s) held either in-person or virtual.

B. Public Comments: Briefly summarize public comments received that are relevant to each project or the Grant Application as a whole.

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

Certifications

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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 [City and county Applicants only]

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 side by sides, dirt bikes, sno-cat 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) [U.S Forest Service Applicants only]

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

2. Governing Body Resolution

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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**

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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. 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.

Nevada County OHV Areas

The OHV areas in the County of Nevada are divided into two distinct areas: Western Nevada County and Eastern Nevada 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 consist of federal land under Tahoe National Forest and Bureau of Land Management control.

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 the majority of the over the snow vehicle (OSV) OHV opportunities, along with most 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. During each season, Nevada County hosts numerous ATV, moto, and 4x4 events. 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 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 Highway 20, from the Town of Washington, and from Jackson Meadows Road off 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 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 Highway 89. During the winter months, this is a common staging area for OSVs accessing the Boca riding areas.

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 high amount of OHV use in both areas. Patrols would be 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 teams for half of the weekends in the year or one team for one day each week of the year.

In short, focused OHV patrols will be conducted on all holiday weekends which draw OHV usage, as well as weekends throughout the late spring, summer, and early fall months. 18 patrols are slated to be conducted between Memorial day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. These patrols will be split between Jeep, SXS, and motorcycle patrols. 20 more patrols will be scheduled throughout the OHV season during high use times and large public events.

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

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; separated 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 opportunities for OHV enforcement and vehicle familiarization. There are currently 30 personnel between deputies and sergeants who have been cross trained for OHV enforcement to include training regarding safety, familiarization, and laws pertaining to OHV enforcement. Deputies deployed on a given day of OHV enforcement will range from two to six, dependent on how many pieces of equipment are deployed that day for enforcement purposes.

For the winter months, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office owns a Tucker Sno Cat and have acquired 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 four Honda dual sport motorcycles. 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 eligible to receive daily use fees.

Deputies and Sergeants will perform OHV patrols based upon overtime signups.

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 3

D. County

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

☒ Nevada

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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:

The only OHV presence the Nevada County Sheriff's Office has had in the past was 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. There are common complaints of trespass in the areas of Steep Hollow Creek and Greenhorn Creek. SXS's are a growing product among the nation and have also had an impact within our region. The Town of Washington is a common staging area for OHV enthusiasts and numerous complaints of SXS use have been generated from the area for damage to the environment, unsafe speeds on the trails and roads, blocking the fire escape routes, and disturbance of the peace. Similar issues with SXS's have also been reported in the Burlington Ridge trail system near Chalk Bluff Road.

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.

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office has begun to build relationships with several of the local OHV programs which has resulted in fewer complaints from either side. The public and OHV users have shown an interest in the educational materials and advise that has been given to them in the past, and a continuation of this will help bolster the public's knowledge as it pertains to OHV laws.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office works along side several other law enforcement agencies to include, USFS, BLM, State Parks, and the Placer County Sheriff's Office. A formal contract between NCSO and USFS is in place to augment their summertime patrols of the high country as it pertains to campgrounds. We commonly support all of these agencies whenever asked. State Parks and Placer County have attended Sierra Trek, a Jeeping event through Fordyce, in the past in hopes to build relationships between the departments. NCSO also works alongside CHP through a formal MOU to investigate vehicle accidents which would include OHV equipment.

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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:

Privately sponsored events obtain their licenses through USFS, NCSO receives no payment through these sources.

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:

Select deputies and sergeants who have been cross trained for OHV enforcement receive hands on training and

briefings as it pertains to OHV safety, enforcement, and cultural resource protection. Currently deputies are arranged to be sent to Southern California for a dual sport motorcycle class in which they will bring back the material they learned and teach it back to the remainder of the OHV members. State Parks is also arranged to teach and OHV law block in early April to members of our OHV program. Briefing trainings occur on a semi-regular basis in which deputies are taught OHV laws and how to respond to reported issues from the public. An OSV training day sponsored by the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team was put on in 2024 which focused on use of tracked vehicles, potential dangers related to avalanches, how to read the snow, and how to care for yourself in such an environment.

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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 it's 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:
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, OHVs, OSV, and at times on foot. A portion of these funds will be used as matching funds for these listed patrols related to this project.

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

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APPLICANT NAME :		Nevada County Sheriff's Office	
PROJECT TITLE :		Law Enforcement	
		PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G25-03-16-L01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition
<p>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. 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.</p> <p>Nevada County OHV Areas</p> <p>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 consist of federal land under Tahoe National Forest and Bureau of Land Management control.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Eastern Nevada County incorporates the majority of the over the snow vehicle (OSV) OHV opportunities, along with most 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.</p> <p>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</p>			
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :			

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	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
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	1. Staff-FLSA overtime for Patrol Deputies Notes : FLSA overtime for patrol deputies for proactive OHV patrol, OHV specific training, and public education as assigned/scheduled by the OHV sergeant.	800.0000	87.710	HRS	70,168.00	52,626.00	17,542.00
	2. Staff-FLSA overtime for Sergeants Notes : FLSA overtime and straight time for the OHV sergeant conducting field patrol OHV specific trainings, and public education in OHV areas and public events.	80.0000	106.600	HRS	8,528.00	6,396.00	2,132.00
Total for Staff					78,696.00	59,022.00	19,674.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	1. Materials / Supplies-motorcycle boots Notes : The county will not purchase protective equipment through the use of general funds for OHV personnel. Four select deputies/sergeants who have a strong dedication to the OHV program will be outfitted with protective equipment for their OHV patrols. Currently the only protective gear available are helmets. This gear is for use with the department motorcycles used for OHV patrols and	4.0000	150.000	EA	600.00	450.00	150.00

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enforcement.						
2. Materials / Supplies-elbow pads Notes : The county will not purchase protective equipment through the use of general funds for OHV personnel. Four select deputies/sergeants who have a strong dedication to the OHV program will be outfitted with protective equipment for their OHV patrols. Currently the only protective gear available are helmets. This gear is for use with the department motorcycles used for OHV patrols and enforcement.	4.0000	50.000	EA	200.00	150.00	50.00
3. Materials / Supplies-gloves Notes : The county will not purchase protective equipment through the use of general funds for OHV personnel. Four select deputies/sergeants who have a strong dedication to the OHV program will be outfitted with protective equipment for their OHV patrols. Currently the only protective gear available are helmets. This gear is for use with the department motorcycles used for OHV patrols and enforcement.	4.0000	35.000	EA	140.00	105.00	35.00
4. Materials / Supplies-knee pads Notes : The county will not purchase protective equipment through the use of general funds for OHV personnel. Four select deputies/sergeants who have a strong dedication to the OHV program will be outfitted with protective equipment for their OHV patrols. Currently the only protective gear available are helmets. This gear is for use with the department motorcycles used for OHV patrols and enforcement.	4.0000	60.000	EA	240.00	180.00	60.00

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enforcement.						
5. Materials / Supplies-gear bag/backpack Notes : Gear bags to deploy with the motorcycles and SXS teams in order for them to carry needed supplies such as medical gear, radios, sat phones, ticket books, etc. The bags will solely be dedicated to the OHV program.	4.0000	150.000	EA	600.00	450.00	150.00
Total for Materials / Supplies				1,780.00	1,335.00	445.00
4 Equipment Use Expenses						
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 the OHV grants program. Due 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 and 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.	20.0000	750.000	DAY	15,000.00	11,250.00	3,750.00
2. Equipment Use Expenses-Motorcycle daily use fee Notes : The Nevada County Sheriff's Office owns four dirt bikes, two 250's and two 300's, that were all purchased outside the OHV grant program. The \$175 daily use fee was determined in comparison to Tahoe Dirt Bikes in Nevada County that rents a comparable motorcycle for a	20.0000	175.000	DAY	3,500.00	2,625.00	875.00

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daily rental fee of over \$200.						
3. Equipment Use Expenses-RZR daily use fee Notes : The Nevada County Sheriff's Office owns two Polaris SXS's, one of which was purchased with OHV grant funds, and the other was purchased outside the OHV grant. The daily use fee is for the department owned SXS. The \$500 daily use fee was determined from a local rental company for SXS, Full Access Tahoe with prices ranging from \$300 to \$700. The \$300 fee relating to a rental for only two to three hours, and the \$700 fee being a rental for four hours.	10.0000	500.000	DAY	5,000.00	3,750.00	1,250.00
Total for Equipment Use Expenses				23,500.00	17,625.00	5,875.00
5 Equipment Purchases						
6 Others						
Total Program Expenses				103,976.00	77,982.00	25,994.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				103,976.00	77,982.00	25,994.00
INDIRECT EXPENSES						
Indirect Costs						
1 Indirect Costs						
1. Indirect Costs-Grants administration and accounting Notes : Hourly rate for an accounting specialist for billing and contract administration.	60.0000	31.000	HRS	1,860.00	1,395.00	465.00
Total Indirect Costs				1,860.00	1,395.00	465.00
TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES				1,860.00	1,395.00	465.00

Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				105,836.00	79,377.00	26,459.00

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	Category	Total	Grant Req.	Match	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	78,696.00	59,022.00	19,674.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	1,780.00	1,335.00	445.00	
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	
Total Program Expenses		103,976.00	77,982.00	25,994.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		103,976.00	77,982.00	25,994.00	
INDIRECT EXPENSES					
Indirect Costs					
1	Indirect Costs	1,860.00	1,395.00	465.00	
Total Indirect Costs		1,860.00	1,395.00	465.00	
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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

Attachment

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. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 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 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 - USFWS final or proposed designated critical habitat(s) for threatened and/or endangered species exist within or surrounding the Project Area.

Does USFWS final or proposed designated critical habitat(s) for threatened and/or endangered species exist within or surrounding the Project Area? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicants are encouraged to refer to the USFWS IPaC to identify designated critical habitat(s) within and surrounding the Project Area.

If yes, list the designated critical habitat(s):

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. If applicable, refer to the cumulative impacts discussion in the NEPA analysis, 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)

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

Refer to the Cortese List data resources at the following website to identify documented toxic hazards at the Project site:
www.calepa.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/CorteseList/default.htm

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project Area, 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 Area. 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