



RESOLUTION No. 26-215

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 FISCAL YEAR 2026/27

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 HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the filing of an application(s) for an Off-Highway Vehicle Grant or Cooperative Agreement.
2. Certifies this agency understands its legal obligations to the State upon approval of the grant.
3. Certifies this agency understands the California Public Resources Code requirement that acquisition and development projects must be maintained to specific conservation standards.
4. Certifies the Project will be well-maintained during its useful life.
5. Certifies this agency will implement the Project with diligence once funds are available and the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees with the Project Agreement.
6. Certifies this agency will provide the required matching funds (as applicable).
7. Certifies the public and adjacent property owners have been notified of this Project (as applicable).
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 2026/27 and will obtain the Board of Supervisors 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 2nd day of June 2026, 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:

LAURIANA CECCHI
Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Lauriana Cecchi

Lisa Swarthout
Lisa Swarthout, Chair

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 California 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 \$127,789.50 Project Cost \$170,386.00

Project Request(s) Summary (Note: This section will autopopulate)

| # | Project Type | Project Title | Grant Request | Match | Total Project Cost |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1 | G26-03-16-L01 | Law Enforcement | 127,790 | 42,597 | 170,387 |

3. Contact (See "Show Instruction" for details)

a. Project Administrator

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------|----|-----|-------|
| Name | Dustin Moe | | | | |
| Title | Sergeant | | | | |
| Mailing Address | 950 Maidu Ave | | | | |
| City | Nevada City | State | CA | Zip | 95959 |
| Telephone | (530) 913-4011 | | | Fax | |
| E-mail Address | dustin.moe@nevadacountyca.gov | | | | |

b. Authorized Representative

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------|----|-----|------------|
| Name | Shannan Moon | | | | |
| Title | Sheriff | | | | |
| Mailing Address | 950 Maidu Ave | | | | |
| City | Nevada City | State | CA | Zip | 95959-8600 |
| Telephone | (530) 265-1471 | | | Fax | |
| E-mail Address | shannan.moon@nevadacountyca.gov | | | | |

A. Location Map

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| | Attachment : Click on 'Show Documents' located in the upper right-hand corner of the screen to access the Location Map. |
| Attachment Title | 47875_0_522_LocationMap.docm |

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 XP 100 | Polaris | RZR 1000 | 2021 | 3NSN4E996MF149141 | G19-03-16-L01 |

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 Public Review 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 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.

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

A. Public Notification Efforts

Applicants shall notify the public no sooner than the start of the current Grants Cycle and no later than the first Tuesday following the first Monday in March. Click on "Show Instructions" for more details.

Note: This section of OLGA is not required to be completed until the Application's final filing date.

Was a Public notification effort conducted for this Yes No grant cycle?

Instruction: Select all that apply, provide the corresponding date, and attach the supporting document(s). Note: The supportive document(s) must be displayed and aligned with the entered date.

- 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)

Attachments:

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

Have public comments been submitted to the Applicant and the OHMVR Division no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Standard Time on the first Monday in May? Yes No

If yes, provide a summary of the public comments received, indicating how they relate to each project and/or to the Grant Application as a whole.

C. Application Development as a result of Public Comments

- a. Were any changes to the Application made in response to public comments (excluding Division comments)? Yes No

If you select "Yes," proceed to item b. If you select "No," stop here.

- b. Describe how public comments affected the Application

1. Applicant Certifications

A. Applicant Certifications (All Applicants, except those applying solely for law enforcement project)

- 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. Applicant Certifications: 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 hold any OHV facilities. The potential to reduce illegal and unauthorized OHV activities would be a direct result of this project by supplying a higher law enforcement presence at the OHV staging areas and trails within out county. This law enforcement presence will make proactive contacts amongst the community to combat any illegal activities, as well as to educate the public on safe recreation opportunities.
 2. Describe how the Applicant is meeting the operations and maintenance needs of any existing OHV Recreation Facility under its jurisdiction:

We do not have any OHV facilities. We are meeting the operational needs by supplying deputies to patrol common OHV areas within out county. We work alongside several other agencies as well as to coordinate our response to any issues that arise. Deputies are cross trained on OHV enforcement before they are allowed to perform such patrols. Our fleet of OHV patrol vehicles are on a regularly scheduled maintenance routine and have additional inspections that are performed throughout the year to ensure they are safe to operate.

C. Applicant Certifications: 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 fees compliment out OHV program. Approximately \$27,849.65 was allocated to Nevada County pursuant to 38230 VC and 38240 VC. These funds are dispersed into the general fund, but are tracked by the Sheriff's Office to insure our expenditures match or exceed the amount of in-lieu funds. These funds are used commonly

as match funds to pay for deputy hours, maintenance of OHV vehicles, OHV equipment, and to assist in the funding of our OHV program in general.

D. Applicant Certifications: 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

1. Land Manager's Written Permission

Is the applicant applying for a grant involving activities on any public lands not managed by the applicant?

Yes No

If 'Yes,' the applicant shall attached written permission from the Land Manager. Click on "Show Instructions" for Requirement.

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1. 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization Verification

Nonprofit organizations shall provide documentation, in the form of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) letter of determination or publication on the official IRS website, verifying current Internal Revenue Code (IRC), Section 501(c)(3) status (Reference 2025 Regulations, Section 4970.05.2(a)).

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2. Nonprofit's IRS Form 990 or equivalent

Nonprofit organizations shall provide IRS Form 990 (or something to the equivalent) from the previous year.

Note: If the current IRS Form 990 isn't available at the Preliminary stage, the prior return must be submitted. Once the current return becomes available, it is required to be uploaded at the final stage.

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3. Nonprofit Certification

Note: Click on 'Show Documents' located in the upper right-hand corner of the screen to access the Nonprofit Certification.

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1. Governing Body Resolution [City, county, and district Applicants only]

Do you currently have a valid Governing Board Resolution for this Grant Cycle?

- Yes
- No, however, a governing body resolution will be provided upon grant award. (Note: Template can be found in the "Show Document link")

If Yes, attach a governing body resolution confirming approval to RECEIVE funds from the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant or Cooperative Agreement Program.

Note: If its ongoing Resolution, please state it in the Attachment Title.

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2. Certified Community Conservation Corps (CCC) Official Certification Letter [CCC Applicants only]

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ITEM 1: Describe the proposed enforcement Project including the geographical area served, educational outreach, and circumstances unique to the Applicant. Note: Include jurisdictional size, how you are reducing conflict between motorized and non-motorized users, how you are reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts, how you are reducing intrusions into wilderness, closed areas or private property.

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, OSV 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 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. Note: Include number of trails available for OHV Recreation, acres of open riding available that are being patrolled on, types of recreation vehicles that are being addressed while on patrol, and any MOUs, Land Manager Letters or other document present for patrol on other lands outside of agency jurisdiction.

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. Note: Include number of patrol shifts during project performance period, outline the number of days allocated for patrol with consideration to weekends, major holidays or periods of high impact, include a justification for increase of days requested from previous applications.

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.

There are typically 30 weekends throughout the year that provide fair weather for OHV opportunities. 1200 hours would provide for patrols of those weekends with two deputies working 10 hour days. Beyond this there are several yearly OHV events the Nevada County SHERiff's Office attends on a regular basis, the primary being Sierra Trek. Deputies commonly will camp at the trailhead with the remainder of the crowd in order to provide an additional law enforcement presence, as well as converse and educate the subjects in attendance. This event alone generally uses approximately 72 to 80 hours of deputy time over the course of three days. In addition to this major event, we also generally attend the Winter Fun Fest, Nevada County Woods Riders Enduro Event, and provide upstaffing for busy holiday weekends such as Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day weekend. Upstaffing would provide a second doubled OHV patrol unit in addition to the regular weekend patrols performed with the 1200 hours.

Breakdown:

Weekend general OHV patrols: 1200 hours

Sierra Trek: 80 hours

Winter Fun Fest: 20 Hours
Enduro Event: 20 Hours
Memorial Day weekend: 60 hours
4th of July: 80 hours
Labor Day Weekend: 60 hours

Total: 1,520 hours to provide sufficient staffing to perform effective OHV patrols, perform outreach events, and ensure the continued use of OHV areas.

ITEM 4: How many officers will be deployed for the purposes of the proposed Project? Note: Clearly define the number of officers dedicated to OHV patrols, specify type of vehicles used for patrol and hour/time dedicated to specifically to OHV patrol, identify the rank of personnel assigned to OHV patrols.

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.

Regular weekend patrols would consist of one doubled unit which would focus on any weekend throughout the year that provides suitable weather for OHV use. Beyond this, a second doubled OHV unit will patrol on busy holiday weekends such as Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day weekend. One doubled OHV unit will patrol the regular yearly events. These patrols are posted for overtime assignments available to any deputy cross trained in OHV enforcement.

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 following URL in your browser to determine the State Senate district(s):
<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

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 following URL in your browser to determine the State Assembly district(s):
<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

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 following URL in your browser to determine the Congressional district(s):
<https://www.census.gov/mycd/?st=06>

Congressional District 3

D. County

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

Nevada

Law Enforcement Project Certification: Item 1-3 (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.

Note:

- 1) Identify OHV areas with high priority needs and explains specific OHV safety concerns.
- 2) Specify any areas with cultural resources that have been impacted by OHV recreation use.
- 3) Describe areas of critical environmental concern that are near OHV areas and have seen illegal OHV use.

The most prominent area of concern regarding OHV use would be the Town of Washington. This is a very small town which becomes over run during the summer months from SXS users as well as recreationalists visiting the river. There have been several complaints from the area for SXS's speeding on the roadways, traveling through the town on paved roadways, and drinking while driving. The OHV users commonly cause damage to the gravel roadways which also serve as the only secondary fire evacuation route for the town. A heightened enforcement is needed in the area to help quell concerns of the public. The staging area in the Town of Washington is not a developed area, and OHV users commonly block the roadway when they park. Numerous miles of trails area accessible from the Town of Washington which draws subjects in from all over Northern California.

Aside from the Town of Washington, nearby single tracks are available to be used by motorcycles on the Burlington Ridge trail system. We have received reports in the past of SXS's illegally using the single track systems and damaging the trails as well as the environment from off-trail use.

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.

Note:

- 1) Explain how project is related to OHV Recreation.
- 2) Explain how project will help sustain OHV Recreation.
- 3) Explain how project will maintain motorized access to non-motorized recreation.
- 4) Explain how project will maintain OHV opportunities in 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 publics knowledge as it pertains to OHV laws.

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

Note: Include Law Enforcement agencies assist for OHV related incidents, Memorandum of Understandings, and/or Contracts for Law Enforcement services.

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

Please provide details clarifying your response:

Note:

Describe how your agency plans to implement, or currently implements, a public education program related to OHV safety and how the public can report OHV operation violations.

NCSO attends numerous community related events throughout the year and commonly bring pieces of OHV equipment for display. During such events were also educate the public on laws which surround OHV use, as well as legal areas to use OHV equipment throughout the county. Events in example would be the county fair, Tahoe Truckee Air Show, safety week events at varying schools, booths a trailheads. Aside from the community events, education is given to the public anytime deputies are patrolling OHV areas.

All OHV patrols are tracked on a daily field activity report which tracks warnings, citations, and arrests made during the patrol. Any citations and or arrests would be tracked in our report management system and is easily searchable with the assistance of the DFAR. If this was regarding how the community reports OHV violations, the call for service would be taken like any other call for service for the sheriff's office. The call will be assigned to a deputy who has be trained in OHV enforcement. "OHV" is a type of call for service that can be tracked in the report module.

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:

Note:

Training program description must include information on how agency personnel are educated to address OHV safety related concerns, Importance of natural and cultural resource protection (tread lightly principles). Answer should NOT include how personnel is trained to operate OHVs for patrol.

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 semiregular 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:

Note: Applicant should describe new or existing policies or agreements applicant has with Federal Land Managers regarding enforcement on federal lands.

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:

Note: Applicant should describes amount of funds received in previous budget year and how Applicant is using

funds to provide OHV opportunities, maintain facilities or support law enforcement efforts.

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:

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office does not directly manage any OHV facilities. Our primary functions are to patrol areas open to OHV use for any possible violations of law. We meet this standard by deploying deputies on busy weekends generally to maximize the law enforcement presence in the field. Deputies commonly deploy into the field with either a Jeep, motorcycle, or side by side. We do not maintain any roadways or physical facilities as it relates to OHV use.

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) : G26-03-16-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 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION : | <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, OSV 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> | |

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| | | 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. | | | | |
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| 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. This would staff a doubled OHV patrol unit for the majority of the prime weekends for OHV use. There are generally 25 to 30 weekends of good weather for OHV use, which relates to 60 days, or 1200 hours of staff time. | 1520.0000 | 95.280 | HRS | 144,826.00 | 108,619.50 | 36,206.50 |
| 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. Sergeants commonly perform OHV patrols in the field as well, and many are cross trained in these activities. These staff hours will also fund patrol efforts during Sierra Trek, a heavily visited off-road event that takes place on the Fordyce Trail. This is not a closed event, and the trail is still | 200.0000 | 110.550 | HRS | 22,110.00 | 16,582.50 | 5,527.50 |

| Line Item | Qty | Rate | UOM | Total | Grant Req. | Match |
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| open to the public during such. | | | | | | |
| Total for Staff | | | | 166,936.00 | 125,202.00 | 41,734.00 |
| 2 Contracts | | | | | | |
| 3 Materials / Supplies | | | | | | |
| 1. Materials / Supplies-Wheel and tire set for SXS Notes : One set of replacement wheels and tires for the 2021 RZR XP1000 that was purchased pursuant with funds from a previous grant cycle. The current tires are balding, and we would like to switch to matching wheels so they are interchangeable. | 1.0000 | 1500.000 | EA | 1,500.00 | 1,125.00 | 375.00 |
| 4 Equipment Use Expenses | | | | | | |
| 5 Equipment Purchases | | | | | | |
| 6 Others | | | | | | |
| Total Program Expenses | | | | 168,436.00 | 126,327.00 | 42,109.00 |
| TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES | | | | 168,436.00 | 126,327.00 | 42,109.00 |
| INDIRECT EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Indirect Costs | | | | | | |
| 1 Indirect Costs | | | | | | |
| 1. Indirect Costs-Grants administration and accounting Notes : Grants administration and accounting Notes : Hourly rate for an accounting specialist for billing and contract administration. | 60.0000 | 32.500 | HRS | 1,950.00 | 1,462.50 | 487.50 |

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| Line Item | Qty | Rate | UOM | Total | Grant Req. | Match |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Total Indirect Costs | | | | 1,950.00 | 1,462.50 | 487.50 |
| TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES | | | | 1,950.00 | 1,462.50 | 487.50 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | | | 170,386.00 | 127,789.50 | 42,596.50 |

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| Category | Total | Grant Req. | Match | Narrative |
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| DIRECT EXPENSES | | | | |
| Program Expenses | | | | |
| 1 Staff | 166,936.00 | 125,202.00 | 41,734.00 | |
| 2 Contracts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 3 Materials / Supplies | 1,500.00 | 1,125.00 | 375.00 | |
| 4 Equipment Use Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 5 Equipment Purchases | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 6 Others | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
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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

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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. 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)

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