

Law Enforcement - Palmdale

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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The Palmdale Sheriff's Station has the largest patrol area of any Station within Los Angeles County. We have jurisdiction over roughly 1,300 square miles, and serve over a quarter of a million community members. Our patrol area covers the contract cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, and all the unincorporated county areas in the Antelope Valley. The largest area of our responsibility lies in rural towns surrounding both cities. These areas include Acton, Agua Dulce, Leona Valley, Lake Hughes, Lake Elizabeth, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Llano, Wrightwood, Lake Los Angeles, and Antelope Acres. Those townships make up over 1,100 square miles of rural desert and mountain areas.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Our OHV team typically deploys on weekends and major holidays when the OHV activity seems to be the highest. Our shifts are very flexible and can consist of 4, 8, or 10 hour shifts. We also try to schedule our deployments at alternate dates and times. We want to avoid having any type of predictable or pre-scheduled type of enforcement. We will also deploy as needed during week. Most of our team members are available for emergent/ non emergent deployment within 30 minutes from notification or sooner.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Our deployment consists of a minimum of two deputies riding Dual Sport motorcycles. A standard deployment consists of a sergeant and four deputies. However, we can deploy up to two sergeants and eight deputies when needed. Our team now has a full sized, four wheeled drive truck for additional enforcement. This vehicle is a marked black and white Sheriff's Department emergency vehicle and is decaled with large California State Parks OHV stickers. This vehicle will be manned as staffing permits and allows for a trained deputy and up to three civilian volunteers.

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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:

Our whole jurisdiction is a high priority given the high volume of calls for service for OHV violations. Many issues are related to trespassing onto private and commercial lands, where "quality of life issues" and damage to property are ongoing problems. Within our jurisdiction, we have Native Indian burial grounds, precious habitats, and wildlife concerns. These areas need to be protected. Also being threatened by illegal OHV activities are the survival of many wildlife animals and plants. Some of those are the California Poppy Reserve, the Arroyo Toad and the California Desert Tortoise. We patrol large portions of the Angeles National Forest because of the high fire danger that exists. Our patrols ensure that those riding in these areas are properly equipped with the approved exhaust systems, as well as our high visibility to potential arson suspects who might strike another fire.
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:

Our program, through community events, allows us to teach OHV enthusiasts about proper equipment, its maintenance, specific rules and regulations for our areas and those of neighboring facilities. We hand out brochures which indicate the local areas and others available for their use. During these events we are able to indicate those areas which are "off limits" with an explanation which makes sense. We encourage responsible OHV activities. With regular patrols into these open/ closed areas, we can maintain a level of protection and notification to those who violate the laws and redirect them to those areas which are open for their use.
3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

Many of our areas border Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station and that of the Forest Rangers of the Angeles National Forest. To the north, we also assist the Kern County Sheriff's Department with patrols of open desert at our county line. We will, and have provided manpower as needed in our collective areas. Due to our vast resources within our agency, we can respond not only with manpower but also with equipment/ expertise to overcome our objectives. These may include patrol vehicles, off road vehicles of various types, and air support with helicopters.

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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?
(Please select Yes or No)

Yes No

Explain

None of the available OHV recreation facilities provide for or subsidise any of our patrol efforts.

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? (Please select Yes or No) 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:
- Each Deputy Sheriff must graduate from an 80 hour POST approved OHV motorcycle training course which is hosted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. These instructors are POST approved and are certified as OHV team members. Our program continues its training with in-house updates regarding local, state, and federal laws. OHV information is disseminated as it's received. Several of our sergeants, deputies, and civilian volunteers are also four wheel drive trained and have formal Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) skills. All deputies are trained in first aid and CPR. Our training includes operator awareness to the lands and remaining on trails so as not to destroy plants and habitat. Also in an effort to become more educated, we attend meetings or exchange emails with agencies such as the BLM, U.S. Forest Service, and other private groups which has OHV concerns or information.

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

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
- It is the policy of the Department to enforce all local, state, and federal law. This enforcement can and will be either to the letter of the law or the spirit of the law. Sometimes using the law as an educator can produce more compliance from people than just with the issuance of citations.

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 OHV Grant monies will be used to pay for needed equipment and safety equipment as indicated in the project cost estimate sheet and salaries to deploy Sheriff's Department staff for law enforcement needs in our project. In addition to full time paid deputies, we will utilize Sheriff Reserves and civilian volunteers to provide matching funds.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
- Our program does not currently 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? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement - Palmdale	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G10-03-10-L02
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Req.	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Sergeant	380.000	95.320	HRS	31,222.00	5,000.00	36,222.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	1034.000	84.264	HRS	77,129.00	10,000.00	87,129.00
	Other-Sheriff's Volunteers Notes : A match fund that equates to personnel costs of like duties by paid personnel.	200.000	19.000	HRS	0.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
	Total for Staff				108,351.00	18,800.00	127,151.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Safety Equipment Notes : To be used for uniform safety riding equipment (OHV pants, boots, helmets, goggles, gloves, equipment bags)	1.000	500.000	MISC	500.00	0.00	500.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	7.000	800.000	MISC	0.00	5,600.00	5,600.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Req.	Match	Total
	Notes : Cost of maintenance for the vehicles to be used within the OHV program. This is for the maintenance of the motorcycles already listed as an asset to be provided at no cost, save the routine maintenance costs, to the OHV enforcement program.						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Cost of maintenance for the support vehicle (2008 Ford F-250 4X4, black and white) to be used within the OHV program. This is for the maintenance of the truck, already listed as an asset to be provided at no cost, save the routine maintenance costs, to the OHV enforcement program.	1.000	2932.000	YR	0.00	2,932.00	2,932.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : This item covers the fuel costs of operating the motorcycles and 1 support vehicle per deployment. This is based on a current \$3.15 price per gallon of fuel. It includes 4 motorcycles and 1 support vehicle per deployment.	1.000	1538.000	YR	0.00	1,538.00	1,538.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				0.00	10,070.00	10,070.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Motorcycle Notes : This equates to the purchase cost of a motorcycle to be used solely for the provisions of this grant. Palmdale Sheriff's Station current fleet of OHV motorcycles are approaching a 10 year mark. The life cycle of several of these motorcycles has come to an end necessitating the gradual replacement of the older equipment. This purchase would provide for replacement of the oldest of the current fleet.	1.000	9500.000	EA	9,500.00	0.00	9,500.00
6	Others						
	Training Notes : This covers 2 sessions (8 hours ea.) of training for 6 off road enforcement trained deputies. Training to occur in the year of	96.000	80.657	HRS	0.00	7,743.00	7,743.00

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the grant award to include: 1. Mandated POST motorcycle off highway vehicle recurrent training. 2. Attending monthly meetings with other agencies (BLM, US.Forest Service Angeles Div, Kern CoSO, San Bernadino SO, CORVA & CTUC) in order to effectivlely network with each other on changing laws, issues and ideas, which assists us with our operational management of OHV recreation within our jurisdictions.						
Training Notes : This covers 2 sessions (8 hours ea.) of training for 2 off road enforcement trained sergeants. Training to occur in the year of the grant award to include: 1. Mandated POST motorcycle OHV recurrent training. 2. Attending monthly meetings with other agencies (BLM, US.Forest Service Angeles Div, Kern CoSO, San Bernadino SO, CORVA & CTUC) in order to effectivlely network with each other on changing laws, issues and ideas, which assists us with our operational management of OHV recreation within our jurisdictions.	32.000	91.239	HRS	0.00	2,920.00	2,920.00
Total for Others				0.00	10,663.00	10,663.00
Total Program Expenses				118,351.00	39,533.00	157,884.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				118,351.00	39,533.00	157,884.00
INDIRECT EXPENSES						
Indirect Costs						

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1	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Admin personnel Notes : Provides for administrative sergeant billing, tracking and data entry related to contacts during enforcement, equipment maintenance, overtime reports etc.	80.000	95.320	HRS	0.00	7,626.00	7,626.00
Total Indirect Costs					0.00	7,626.00	7,626.00
TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES					0.00	7,626.00	7,626.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					118,351.00	47,159.00	165,510.00

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2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	500.00	0.00	500.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	10,070.00	10,070.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	9,500.00	0.00	9,500.00	
6	Others	0.00	10,663.00	10,663.00	
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INDIRECT EXPENSES					
Indirect Costs					
1	Indirect Costs	0.00	7,626.00	7,626.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

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)) (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- 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. (Please select Yes or No) 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. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10.

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - 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)? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

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

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

- Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural

resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment