

## Law Enforcement

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### ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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## **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

Inyo County is the second largest county in the State of California consisting of approximately 10,140 square miles. Project coverage will consist of federal public lands. Land in federal public ownership is 92%, Inyo County anticipates patrolling roughly 3,000 miles of off road terrain (consisting of 650 miles of US Forest Service dirt roads and trails, 1,800 miles of BLM unimproved routes open to the public, and 500 miles of private property belonging to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power that is open to public recreation.)

Additionally, there are approximately 378,243 acres of wilderness; as the Wilderness Act has expanded it has encompassed existing roads, though these roads have been blocked for OHV access continual violations are occurring; this is a serious concern for OHV Enforcement.

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

The frequency of patrols in Inyo County is weekly (weather permitting), with increased patrols during peak recreational months.

In the southeastern portion of Inyo County, particularly Tecopa and Shoshone, OHV users recreate all year. However, peak months are typically during the winter.

In the northeastern portion of Inyo County, which includes the Sierra Nevada Mountain ranges, and White and Inyo Mountain ranges, there is increased popularity during warmer months.

Currently, the Inyo County OHV Enforcement Detail consists of enough equipment for two two-person teams to operate simultaneously at either end of the County. The teams work in eight hour shifts. This year we need to strengthen our patrol operation to include equipment for an additional two-person team to assist with OHV Enforcement.

## **ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

The Inyo County OHV Enforcement Detail currently consists of approximately fourteen (14) trained OHV Enforcement personnel that rotate OHV shifts. We currently use two two-person teams to patrol; working in eight-hour shifts. This year we must strengthen our operation so that one additional two-person team can assist our existing OHV Enforcement.

A challenge for the Inyo County Sheriff's Department is to fund the overtime associated with OHV patrols. The OHV grant is instrumental in ensuring that the County of Inyo has the available funds to maintain our patrol operation.

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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:

Inyo County borders Nye County Nevada, which is located on the southeastern side of Inyo County. This area of Inyo County is the Death Valley National Park and is within an hour of Las Vegas. The populace of Las Vegas brings a large number of OHVs into Inyo County. Areas included with high OHV use are the Green Water range, Chicago Valley, Pahrump Valley, Resting Springs Range and the Armargosa River drainage. Currently there are two resident deputies assigned to the Shoshone and Tecopa area. These areas are accessed by four wheel drive. BLM has identified these areas and posted road closures for habitat rehabilitation. OHV users routinely overlook these closures. Another area with high volume of OHV use is the Panamint Range and Valley. This area borders Death Valley National Monument on the west side of the range. OHV recreationalists from the San Bernardino area access this area through Trona.

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:

The desert lands of Inyo County are considered a fragile environment. With literally hundreds of miles of dirt roads within Inyo County, the OHV program will afford law enforcement personnel the ability to contact and either enforce violations or educate the OHV users of the natural resources which draw attention to this desert environment. Inyo County is home to some of the best rock climbing, bouldering and high angle technical climbing on the west coast. Access to these areas is either by hiking or utilizing some type of vehicle capable of rough road terrain. These remote areas have been damaged by graffiti. Visible patrol of these areas hopefully will be a preventive measure to this activity.

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

The desert areas of Inyo County are currently patrolled by two agencies, the Sheriff's Department and BLM Rangers. The Forest Service has Law Enforcement Rangers associated with Inyo National Forest. However these Forest Service areas have limited access by either the steep foothills of the mountainous ranges or Wilderness closures. California Fish and Game also have limited resources, mostly focusing on high use fishing and hunting areas related to Owens Valley and the National Forest.

Joint task forces for enforcement of littering, graffiti etc have been previously conducted. Inyo County has a Narcotic Task Force (Inyo Narcotic Enforcement Team or INET) this group consists of Law Enforcement personnel from the Sheriff's Department, Bishop Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and the District Attorneys Office. With the increasing Marijuana cultivation problem in Inyo County, INET, BLM and USFS have conducted joint operations on Federal land.

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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

N/A

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:

The Inyo County Sheriff's Department offers an annual 40 hour POST approved in-house training for OHV patrol deputies. Additionally we educate the public through press releases, flyers, an annual booth at the Tri-County Fair which further promotes OHV safety and natural cultural resource protection. In addition, patrol deputies are quipped with informational materials to be distributed upon contact with recreational users.

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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:  
Inyo County Sheriff's Department currently has in effect a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the US Forest Service to provide patrols and cooperative law enforcement on lands administered by the US Forest Service. The Inyo County Sheriff's Department cooperatively works with the BLM on enforcement of federal and state laws, providing back-up, shared information, and assistance in those crimes committed on BLM lands with state or federal violations. The Inyo County Sheriff's Department also has responsibility for not only enforcement of state laws but responsibility of search and rescue on all federal lands within the boundaries of Inyo County.
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:  
Used to supplement a non-formal program to minimally enforce off road vehicles.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:  
N/A
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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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	Inyo County Sheriff's Department		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Law Enforcement	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G10-03-30-L01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<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
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	<b>Staff</b>						
	Sergeant	400.000	58.140	HRS	0.00	23,256.00	23,256.00
	Administration Officer	200.000	39.510	HRS	0.00	7,902.00	7,902.00

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Law Enforcement Officers	4000.000	48.900	HRS	130,000.00	65,600.00	195,600.00
<b>Total for Staff</b>				130,000.00	96,758.00	226,758.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>					
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>					
Safety Equipment Notes : Helmets	6.000	100.000	EA	600.00	0.00	600.00
Emergency Medical Supplies Notes : First Aid supplies / kits	6.000	100.000	EA	600.00	0.00	600.00
Other-Mobile GPS Units	4.000	400.000	EA	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
Other-Rifle racks Notes : The rifle racks would be used in our four UTVs - and is an essential safety feature/enhancement for our patrol deputies.	4.000	500.000	EA	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>					
Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : The total requested includes maintenance for two (2) four-wheel drive truck dedicated for OHV Enforcement, and maintenance on four (4) UTVs dedicated for OHV Enforcement.	1.000	10000.000	EA	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>					
Other-Roll cage with litter transport Notes : A litter transport is a custom carrier made to fit on UTVs; the specific use of a litter carrier is to transport hurt or injured victims. Amount based on quote.	2.000	4000.000	EA	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
Other-Soft- top for UTVs Notes : The soft-top is for the UTVs to provide extra protection from the elements while deputies are patrolling in eight-hour shifts.	4.000	1500.000	EA	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00

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	Other-Sound meter Notes : South County and North County will each be equipped with a sound meter. Amount based on quote.	2.000	4000.000	EA	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
	Other-Four Wheel Drive Truck	1.000	35000.000	EA	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
	Other-All Terrain Vehicles	2.000	18000.000	EA	36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00
	Other-Trailer	1.000	7000.000	EA	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Purchases</b>				100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
6	<b>Others</b>						
	Training	1.000	2000.000	EA	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>				244,800.00	98,758.00	343,558.00
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				244,800.00	98,758.00	343,558.00
	<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>						
	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
1	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
	<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>				0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>				0.00	0.00	0.00
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<b>Program Expenses</b>					
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2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	
6	Others	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		<b>244,800.00</b>	<b>98,758.00</b>	<b>343,558.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		<b>244,800.00</b>	<b>98,758.00</b>	<b>343,558.00</b>	
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Indirect Costs</b>					
1	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>244,800.00</b>	<b>98,758.00</b>	<b>343,558.00</b>	

## 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**