

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

2/20/2025

1. Agency Information

- a. Agency Name Fresno County Sheriff's Office
- b. Organizational Unit
- c. Address PO Box 1788
- d. Address 2 2200 Fresno St
- e. City Fresno State CA Zip 93717-1788
- f. Federal ID Number 94-6000512 Unique Entity Id.
- g. Agency's fiscal year (beginning month and day) September-01
- h. Agency Type
- ☐ City

☐ U.S. Forest Service

☐ U.S. Bureau of Land Management

☐ Federally or State Recognized Native American Tribe

☐ Nonprofit Organization - 501(c)(3) status only

☐ District

☒ County

☐ U.S. Forest Service - Patrol District

☐ Federal Agency

☐ Educational Institution

☐ State Agency

☐ 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 \$359,051.25 Project Cost \$478,735.00

Project Request(s) Summary

#	Project Type	Project Title	Grant Request	Match	Total Project Cost
1	G25-03-08-L01	Law Enforcement	359,051	119,684	478,735

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A. Location Map

Attachment Title	Attachment
Fresno County Map	44488_0_165_LocationMap_2011-2012.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	Snowmobile	Polaris	Khalos	2,021	SN1EGT8R4MC342753	G21-03-08-L01
2	Snowmobile	Polaris	Khalos	2,021	SN1EGT8R1MC342757	G21-03-08-L01
3	Snowmobile	Polaris	Khalos	2,022	SN1EGD8R4NC812464	G22-03-08-L01
4	Snowmobile	Polaris	Khalos	2,022	SN1EGD8R0NC812462	G22-03-08-L01
5	Charmac Trailer	Charmac	Stealth	2,022	4RYG182B2NT121965	G21-03-08-L01
6	Charmac Trailer	Charmac	Stealth	2,023	4RYG222B0PT123145	G22-03-08-L01
7	Polaris RZR	Polaris	RZR-XP4-1000	2,024	3NSNMC99RF305402	G24-03-08-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 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.

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, complete #2. If you checked NO, stop here and proceed to Public Review section.).

☐ Yes
 ☒ No
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

(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)
[03/04/2025]
- ☐ 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: 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

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:
 2. Describe how the Applicant is meeting the operations and maintenance needs of any existing OHV Recreation Facility 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:

Our in-lieu funds are used for the fueling of our equipment during the grant cycle.

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

Attachment Title	Attachment
	44362_0_845_Governing Body Resolution.pdf

1. **Written Permission with Land Manager**

Attachment Title	Attachment

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

Attachment Title	Attachment

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

Attachment Title	Attachment

4. **Nonprofit Certification**

Attachment Title	Attachment

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

The Off Highway Motor Vehicle Grant project will be used to help fund the Fresno County Sheriff's Office when patrolling OHV trails. Staffing of deputy sheriffs allows Fresno County Sheriff's Office to keep up with the growing demand on the OHV trails in both eastern and western Fresno County. Our goal/plan is to staff deputy sheriff patrols on OHV trails each Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the year. These days along with major holidays - we have identified as high usage on the OHV trails. Deputy Sheriff personnel will continue the educational awareness during school functions, fairs, parades, and community meetings ensuring the promotion of safe and responsible OHV riding, along with the rules/regulations associated. However, in regards to these specific events, OHV grant funds will be used to pay for the salaries of Deputy Sheriffs who work these details.

The manpower plan provides Fresno County law enforcement services for general enforcement, public awareness of responsible OHV use, education of designated OHV riding areas which include snow parks, ski and snow trails, frequent checks of OHV riding area for OHV intrusions onto private property, irrigation canals and waterway/sensitive areas from surrounding OHV recreational areas. This will help regulate snow parks, ski and snowmobile trails, conduct vehicle safety inspections for summer and winter vehicles, conduct training in the safe operation of off-road equipment, assist Search and Rescue, and be responsible for maintenance and repair of Fresno County's OHV equipment.

The Sierra and Sequoia National Forests, Kings and San Joaquin Rivers, numerous lakes and campgrounds in Fresno County draw thousands of OHV recreational uses each year. Fresno County is dedicated to both a proactive approach and educational approach to prevent illegal OHV activity result in resource damage.

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office OHV unit works with local OHV clubs, United States Forest Service, California Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, and rural law enforcement agencies in Fresno County to continue providing the best law enforcement services and education for OHV enthusiasts.

We are requesting funding from California OHV to fund salaries of 11 Fresno County Deputy Sheriffs, along with one Sheriff Sergeant position. Our request is based on the deployment plan stated in the grant. The amount we are requesting will enable two deputies to serve the public each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during the year. An increase in staffing will be deployed on certain Holiday weekends that we have identified there to be an increased presence of OHV enthusiasts recreating. This will be further explained in item #3 (frequency of patrols).

During the 2023 Grant cycle, we were awarded funds to purchase one (1) Polaris RZR XP 1000, 4-seater side by side vehicle. This machine has allowed for an increased ability to deploy in situations where individuals need to be rescued / transported out of the forest or there is a need for transportation of supplies to search and rescue team members while on rescue missions. Due to the versatility the Polaris RZR 4-seater provides, we are requesting funding for one (1) additional 4-seater side by side, a Polaris Xpedition. This side by side vehicle provides similar benefits to that of the Polaris RZR in regards to seating occupancy and performance however, it also offers additional features specific and unique to maximizing efficiency and safety on OHV patrols. The Xpedition provides a fully enclosed cabin, with heating and air conditioning components. We have discovered that OHV patrols during the summer months, especially in areas of lower elevation can be extremely hot, which contributes to the exhaustion and fatigue of deputies patrolling. Conversely, during the winter months at higher elevations, snowstorms have impacted deputies ability to effectively complete OHV patrols. The Polaris Xpedition alleviates both issues. Additionally, unlike the Polaris RZR, the Xpedition offers a utility bed on the rear of the vehicle. We have discovered that having this increased storage area would be extremely beneficial for transporting supplies, but more importantly in order to transport other gear that may be needed in the event deputies come across a stranded motorist or need to perform a rescue. Furthermore, the rear seat of the Xpedition is capable of folding completely down, creating the opportunity to lay down a potential victim with a neck / back injury in the supine position, while being transported out of the OHV area. This vehicle would be used and operated exclusively by Fresno County Sheriff OHV Unit personnel, and no other members of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

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

Fresno County is over 6,000 square miles. There is verifiable and an established need to deploy our OHV team on both the eastern and western portions of Fresno County. During the winter months, the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range has over 200 miles of OHV trails shared by over snow equipment, along with snow-shoers and cross country skiers. There are areas around the Huntington Lake area that are only accessible in the winter months by using over the snow equipment. Historically on our OHV patrols, Fresno County OHV Unit has helped rescue people, bringing them back to their families and friends when lost or injured during their outing. We have assisted many people on broke down machines due to maintenance issues or just inexperience operation. We contact several people on any given detail who are snowshoeing, cross country skiing and riding snowmobiles. These contacts are all on the identified OHV trail system.

During the summer months, the two National Parks (Sequoia/Kings Canyon), National Forests (Sierra/Sequoia), rivers (San Joaquin/Kings) and several lakes and campgrounds draw thousands of visitors/OHV users to Fresno County each year. The Sierra and Sequoia National Forests in eastern Fresno County offer trail riding, hill climbing and deep forest riding trails available to all skill levels. These trails become extremely crowded - depending on weather, and the summer activities people engage in. A lot of OHV trails in Fresno County allow access to several back country lakes and streams. People using OHV equipment share the trails in the summer months with those utilizing jeeps and other 4wd vehicles.

Western Fresno County is primarily comprised of private lands along with some portions of public land management by Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Sheriff's Office typically patrols the portions of BLM land working in conjunction with personnel from that office helping to identify usage and deployment needs. Private lands are dealt with on a case-by-case basis. These complaints are primarily trespassing and land destruction issues. Our team will handle these complaints on a case-by-case basis and determine the need for enforcement or education. The BLM recreation area is primarily situated at the Fresno County/San Benito County lines, with more of it being in the San Benito County jurisdiction.

Overall, there is approximately 2,000 miles of OHV roads and trails for use in Fresno County. The winter months offer over 200 miles of over the snow trails. Some wilderness restricted areas continue to allow OHV access on the OHV use roads only. We continue to monitor these roads for destruction and wilderness intrusion which have occurred over the years. This is a top priority for our unit, in an on-going effort to allow recreation - while still preserving the lands they lay in. Overnight camping is allowed in most areas within the recreational areas of Fresno County.

During certain planned events by local four-wheel drive clubs, we monitor wilderness intrusion into these areas depending on their locations. Fresno County is unique in the sense that some of the OHV trails are carved out of the wilderness which does create a challenge at times for our unit. Keeping users out of the wilderness and staying on the trails is the key element. One of the larger trails we monitor is the Dusy-Ershim Trail which is approximately 35 miles long and utilized heavily by 4x4 enthusiasts. Education plays a key role in making sure people know the rules to staying on the trail and the buffer zones established and not creating wilderness intrusion. Also having partners with the 4wd clubs has helped spread the message of staying on the designated trails. Our message is simple - have fun, be safe, and stay on the OHV marked trails.

Match money will be used for vehicle and OHV equipment maintenance along with out-fitting of emergency equipment. Any parts/maintenance products for Fresno Sheriff OHV vehicle or OHV equipment will come from match money. Also, safety gear which includes but not limited to items like helmets, goggles, gloves, uniforms, gear bags, etc would also come from match funds. Items that are allowable - and would be consulted with our grant administrator before a purchase is made. Fuel costs are covered by Fresno County and identified as in-lieu funds.

Finally, salaries would also be used as 25% of our matching funds. We have analyzed our details and have found the major holidays, which have been identified in the grant, are more beneficial for our team to deploy (two) 2-person teams during these times. This allows better coverage in the large county and numerous riding areas that are geographically hard to get to. Holiday weekends have proven to be an influx of riders in our areas. This comes with an increased cost due to adding additional riders and due to salary and benefit enhancements over the last couple of years for our deputy sheriff and sheriff sergeant.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols.

The goal of the Fresno County Sheriff OHV Unit is to provide OHV patrols for the public during the entire year. We focus our primary patrols on the days of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Deployment of personnel on holiday weekends are a critical component to keep people safe when accessing OHV trails, while focusing on wilderness intrusion and sticking to the trails. We have identified this over the many years of the OHV Unit operation. We have identified those certain holidays as New Years Day, President's weekend, Spring Break (which varies yearly), Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Our preferred staffing on these specific weekends will be four (4) personnel deployed. This allows our unit to deploy in a variety of directions depending where the crowds tend to be on the specific days. Due to the geographical makeup of Fresno County, asking for four person teams during the busier holiday weekends we have found necessary for our county. This allows a lot of visibility for the public when they are in these areas recreating.

Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit attends and participates in many school functions, parades, community fairs, multiple citizen's academies and community meetings to further the education awareness of the OHV riding areas and laws within Fresno County.

The fifteen (15) cities within Fresno County, which include the City of Fresno, will request assistance when needed to help enforce OHV equipment being ridden in unauthorized areas. These areas include but are not limited to; empty ponding basins, canal banks, empty lots, river beds, and sometimes city streets. Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit has the equipment and personnel needed to enforce these laws and take enforcement action against violators. These patrol areas are above and beyond our normal OHV details scheduled throughout the year.

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office has its regular patrol functions which operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Deputy Sheriffs work their normal patrol functions and are assigned to respond to OHV related calls for service and illegal activities/complaints. We have complimented our patrol division with proper staffing after years of playing catchup coming out of the Great Recession. More discretionary time is being allowed to increase our OHV patrols. Increasing patrols for OHV trails is a priority for our Sheriff John Zanoni. This unit operates as a collateral assignment. Our OHV unit details are normally two deputy sheriffs riding a ten-hour shift on the identified OHV trails. The hours will go longer if the need should arise to stay out longer due to amount of people or activities in the area.

The Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit is a vital component to search and rescue calls that occur in Fresno County. Although many of these happen in wilderness areas, when the need arises in the non-wilderness areas, the OHV unit is assembled and deployed to assist using the variety of equipment and training the OHV personnel have. This operation has worked well over the years to assist with locating lost/injured people. Our equipment and personnel are essential in these SAR missions because of the familiarity of the areas and proficiency in operation of the equipment in these areas.

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

During the OHV patrols in Fresno County, the Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit will deploy a minimum of two (2) deputy sheriffs assigned to an OHV patrol as a two-person team; per each detail/shift. We have the equipment with the ability to deploy a total of eight deputy sheriffs at one time if the need were to arise. Normally, there is a two-person team deployed on a regular OHV patrol shift.

The current terrain of OHV trails in Fresno County, makes safety key when deployment. We have been utilizing the RZR's more on the rocky back country trails just because of the ease they bring with operation. Our request is for the staffing of 2-person teams each Fri, Sat and Sun. This will allow us to operate for the public, as people are outside recreating. We have seen an increase in the amount of people taking advantage and riding on the OHV trails in Fresno County. Our holiday weekends have been busy as well. Due to the size and geographic layout of our county, these holiday weekends would be more beneficial by utilizing two (2-person) teams on separate riding trails to maximize our coverage and allow for more exposure/interaction with the public in the various areas. We have applied for this type of coverage to show, at the

conclusion with our yearly stats, that our ask was justified. We are hopeful to be granted the opportunity to deploy in this capacity.

The holiday weekend details tend to run longer in the summer months than in the winter months. Example would be Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. We will run a minimum of 12-hour shifts during this time. In the recent years, these shifts have extended passed the 12 hours due to having to be on the trails most of the daylight hours due to the amount of people during these times. There are also special events that occur with different 4x4 clubs that run through the night, as they are participating in overnight OHV activities. These tend to be dangerous because of the night activities and the number of spectators who come to the events. There have been injuries over the years and arrests made based on consumption of alcoholic beverages during these events. We meet with the organizers during the years to help eliminate those types of problems.

During the educational related function, we again do our best to deploy as a team of two (2) deputies to these types of functions. This allows for the sharing of information, protection of equipment, and different interaction of the public when presenting these types of details.

The deputies assigned to the Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit who operate in the OHV areas are equipped with four-wheel drive trucks. These trucks enable the deputies to make routine checks of OHV recreational trail heads and parking areas which normally become a gathering or staging area for OHV users. The trucks also are used for towing all the OHV equipment that is used for the deployment of our OHV personnel to the various riding areas. There are currently eleven (11) deputy sheriffs trained and certified to ride in the OHV program with specific assignments to the OHV unit. This unit also has one supervising sergeant who oversee grant funding budgets, scheduling and equipment. There is also a Sheriff's Lieutenant assigned as the OHV unit commander who also oversees the command of the unit for the administrative side.

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 12

☒ State Senate 14

☒ State Senate 16

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 08

☒ State Assembly 27

☒ State Assembly 31

☒ State Assembly 33

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 5

☒ Congressional District 13

☒ Congressional District 21

D. County

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

☒ Fresno

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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 Sierra and Sequoia National Forests in Eastern Fresno County offer many authorized OHV riding opportunities. The OHV opportunities compete with hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping enthusiasts as well as forest habitat. However, even though they may compete, we don't see problems between the different groups. There are several different designated wilderness areas in both Sierra and Sequoia National Forests. Most are in the backcountry areas available only to foot traffic. We do have some wilderness areas where the OHV trails are designated to travel through. We monitor these for wilderness intrusion. There are three bands of Western Mono Indians living on three established Federal Rancherias in eastern Fresno County. These lands contain Indian burial grounds as well as artifacts that attract souvenir hunters. There are vast acres of valley farmland intersected by the Kings River, San Joaquin River, various canals, streams, and some BLM land. These farmlands are critical to the economy of Fresno County.
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:

Fresno County Sheriffs OHV unit direct patrols will provide education of the OHV regulations and enforcement of such violations of both California OHV regulations and all California State Laws. Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit provides both patrol and educational programs that will direct recreational uses to the authorized OHV riding areas within Fresno County. As described in the above section, we have OHV trails that are allowed to be accessed through certain wilderness areas. We find that local 4wd clubs help with the education with novice participants. This will be accomplished while still protecting property rights and interests of the other users of these lands for activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, and hiking.
3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit has developed and keeps the current contact information with the law enforcement agencies and recreational management personnel representing Table Mountain Rancheria Tribal Police, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rangers, US Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers, and OHV Divisional staff. Along with California Fish and Game Wardens, CA State Park Rangers, US Army Corp of Engineer Rangers, and US National Park Service Law Enforcement Officers. There are no local police departments near any of the OHV riding trails.

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

Explain:

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office does have the ability to contract with law enforcement services. However, we have not done so for any OHV events. Specifically, because organizers of such events have never requested a specific contract for Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit services. This is not mandated for Fresno County. We support the local 4wd clubs by showing up to their events during our normal OHV patrols.
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:

Each year, the Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit attends the California State Parks OHV grant writing workshop and gains all the legal updates, and the ever-changing rules/regulations on all OHV laws and activities. In previous years, we have sent all twelve riders (11 deputies and 1 sergeant) to the Rich Oliver Mystery School, which is a POST-certified two-day class, to improve their ability to operate dual-sport motorcycles. This is essential to improve safety to our deputies and provide them with confidence to operate the equipment properly. In addition to the Rich Oliver Mystery school, we plan to send (3) deputies to a four-day off-road EVOC train the

trainer instructor course. Completion of this course would allow for a dedicated OHV unit trainer. The trainer will be able to plan and administer an off-road training course for our agency.

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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:
- Fresno County Sheriff's Office has an agreement with the United States Forest Service as outlined in Cooperative Agreement #12-LE-11051360-009.
- This agreement calls for deputies who are performing law enforcement activities under the agreement to meet the same standards of training required of the deputies in their jurisdiction, of the State Peace Officers Standards and Training. The agreement calls for deputies patrolling federal lands will be using marked patrol vehicles, dispatch, rescue, etc. The agreement also emphasizes the apprehension and prosecution of subjects who are engaged in and performing manufacturing and trafficking of controlled substances on USFS lands. Also included in the MOU specific to the area of the USFS wants patrolled on an on-going basis. The area patrolled amounts to a large number of square miles we patrol and deal with all law enforcement activities.
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 in-lieu funds are not being used by Fresno County Sheriff OHV unit. Those funds are going directly to the County of Fresno, being deposited into a trust fund, and are dispersed by The Fresno County Wildlife Commission/OHV Division. Over the years, our unit has been awarded those funds for purchase of equipment. However, over the last 6-7 years there has not been money dispersed from this trust fund.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
- We do not manage any of the recreational facilities. Fresno County OHV Unit just does enforcement patrol, education to the public and ensures safety of riders.
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 :	Fresno County Sheriff's Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G25-03-08-L01
PROJECT TYPE :	☒ Law Enforcement ☐ Restoration ☐ Education & Safety ☐ Acquisition ☐ Development ☐ Ground Operations ☐ Planning		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	The Off Highway Motor Vehicle Grant project will be used to help fund the Fresno County Sheriff's Office when patrolling OHV trails. Staffing of deputy sheriffs allows Fresno County Sheriff's Office to keep up with the growing demand on the OHV trails in both eastern and western Fresno County. Our goal/plan is to staff deputy sheriff patrols on OHV trails each Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the year. These days along with major holidays - we have identified as high usage on the OHV trails. Deputy Sheriff personnel will continue the educational awareness during school functions, fairs, parades, and community meetings ensuring the promotion of safe and responsible OHV riding, along with the rules/regulations associated. However, in regards to these specific events, OHV grant funds will be used to pay for the salaries of Deputy Sheriffs who work these details. The manpower plan provides Fresno County law enforcement services for general enforcement, public awareness of responsible OHV use, education of designated OHV riding areas which include snow parks, ski and snow trails, frequent checks of OHV riding area for OHV intrusions onto private property, irrigation canals and waterway/sensitive areas from surrounding OHV recreational areas. This will help regulate snow parks, ski and snowmobile trails, conduct vehicle safety inspections for summer and winter vehicles, conduct training in the safe operation of off-road equipment, assist Search and Rescue, and be responsible for maintenance and repair of Fresno County's OHV equipment. The Sierra and Sequoia National Forests, Kings and San Joaquin Rivers, numerous lakes and campgrounds in Fresno County draw thousands of OHV recreational uses each year. Fresno County is dedicated to both a proactive approach and educational approach to prevent illegal OHV activity result in resource damage. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office OHV unit works with local OHV clubs, United States Forest Service, California Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, and rural law enforcement agencies in Fresno County to continue providing the best law enforcement services and education for OHV enthusiasts. We are requesting funding from California OHV to fund salaries of 11 Fresno County Deputy Sheriffs, along with one Sheriff Sergeant position. Our request is based on the deployment plan stated in the grant. The amount we are requesting will enable two deputies to serve the public each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during the year. An increase in staffing will be deployed on certain Holiday weekends that we have identified there to be an increased presence of OHV enthusiasts recreating. This will be further explained in item #3 (frequency of patrols). During the 2023 Grant cycle, we were awarded funds to purchase one (1) Polaris RZR XP 1000, 4-seater side by side vehicle. This machine has allowed		

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	for an increased ability to deploy in situations where individuals need to be rescued / transported out of the forest or there is a need for transportation of supplies to search and rescue team members while on rescue missions. Due to the versatility the Polaris RZR 4-seater provides, we are requesting funding for one (1) additional 4-seater side by side, a Polaris Xpedition. This side by side vehicle provides similar benefits to that of the Polaris RZR in regards to seating occupancy and performance however, it also offers additional features specific and unique to maximizing efficiency and safety on OHV patrols. The Xpedition provides a fully enclosed cabin, with heating and air conditioning components. We have discovered that OHV patrols during the summer months, especially in areas of lower elevation can be extremely hot, which contributes to the exhaustion and fatigue of deputies patrolling. Conversely, during the winter months at higher elevations, snowstorms have impacted deputies ability to effectively complete OHV patrols. The Polaris Xpedition alleviates both issues. Additionally, unlike the Polaris RZR, the Xpedition offers a utility bed on the rear of the vehicle. We have discovered that having this increased storage area would be extremely beneficial for transporting supplies, but more importantly in order to transport other gear that may be needed in the event deputies come across a stranded motorist or need to perform a rescue. Furthermore, the rear seat of the Xpedition is capable of folding completely down, creating the opportunity to lay down a potential victim with a neck / back injury in the supine position, while being transported out of the OHV area. This vehicle would be used and operated exclusively by Fresno County Sheriff OHV Unit personnel, and no other members of the Fresno 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-Law Enforcement Officers Notes : The manpower plan will provide Fresno County law enforcement services for general enforcement, public awareness of responsible OHV users, and education of OHV riding areas, irrigation canals, waterways/sensitive areas surrounded by OHV recreational areas. This will help regulate snow parks, ski and snowmobile trails, conduct safety inspections for summer and winter OHV equipment, and assist with search and rescue operations that may occur from out OHV enthusiasts.	3708.0000	85.000	HRS	315,180.00	236,385.00	78,795.00

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The budget breakdown prepared for Fresno County OHV staffs two person OHV team each Fri/Sat/Sun during the year. We have also budgeted to supplement details on Holiday weekends such as New Years Day, President's Day, Spring Break, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving weekends.						
2. Staff-Sergeant Notes : The Fresno County Sheriff Sergeant is assigned to the OHV Unit to manage the unit's staffing, details, equipment, and logistics. The Sergeant is also trained in all the pieces of riding equipment in order to deploy with the team. We budget 25% of the Sergeant time to that of the deputies who are working the different details and utilizing the equipment on a weekly basis. The sergeant works with the deputies at different community events, parades, presentations and on details as well. Most of the time the sergeant is helping out during some of the busier weekend events such as Memorial and Labor day, along with 4th of July. The sergeant keeps track of our equipment, spending, budgets, etc for the OHV Unit. Significant salary increases were given to this job classification that took effect and will continue to take effect during this next grant cycle.	885.0000	95.000	HRS	84,075.00	63,056.25	21,018.75

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Total for Staff					399,255.00	299,441.25	99,813.75
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
	1. Equipment Purchases-Polaris Xpedition ADV 5 - Northstar Notes : The Polaris Xpedition provides a fully enclosed cabin, with heating and air conditioning components. We have discovered that OHV patrols during the summer months, especially in areas of lower elevation can be extremely hot, which contributes to the exhaustion and fatigue of deputies patrolling. Conversely, during the winter months at higher elevations, snowstorms have impacted deputies ability to effectively complete OHV patrols. The Polaris Xpedition alleviates both issues. Additionally, the Xpedition offers a utility bed on the rear of the vehicle. Having this increased storage area is extremely beneficial for hauling supplies and gear that may be needed in the event deputies come across a stranded motorist or need to perform a rescue. Furthermore, the rear seat of the Xpedition is capable of folding completely down, creating the opportunity to lay down a potential victim with a neck / back injury in the supine position, while being transported. The price estimate was obtained via the Polaris website.	1.0000	53600.000	EA	53,600.00	40,200.00	13,400.00

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	2. Equipment Purchases-Snow Tracks for Polaris Xpedition Notes : We are requesting funds for a set of (4) snow tracks specific to the functionality and performance of the Polaris Xpedition. These snow tracks are interchangeable with the standard off-road tires that most side by side vehicles come with. The tracks would be installed during the winter months when Eastern Fresno County typically accumulates a large amount of snow (November - March). The tracks provide the essential ability to deploy the vehicle during these snowy conditions, making the vehicle a truly all-season machine that can be used in winter and summer months. The price estimate was obtained from ATV Track Systems, a reputable vendor who we have purchased equipment from previously.	1.0000	6400.000	EA	6,400.00	4,800.00	1,600.00
Total for Equipment Purchases					60,000.00	45,000.00	15,000.00
6	Others						
	1. Off-road motorcycle training Notes : This unique course (Rich Oliver's Mystery School) is specifically designed to enhance the officer's ability to avoid accidents and injury; and to gain a greater level of control in pursuit situations overall types of terrain. The course incorporates turning, sliding, braking, tight area turns, negotiating obstacles, and pursuit techniques. By performing all of these riding techniques throughout the various drills over a 16 hour training course.	12.0000	720.000	EA	8,640.00	6,480.00	2,160.00

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This has provided an enhanced safety tool for our riders. This is a POST-certified course. The cost per student is shown in the line item. The salaries would be paid by Fresno County. We are just asking for the tuition payment from the State OHV for (11) deputies and (1) sergeant. The price estimate was provided by the company directly.						
2. Off-road EVOC instructor course Notes : We plan to send (3) deputies to a four-day off-road EVOC train the trainer instructor course. This course provides training on recovery techniques, aspects of adult learning, techniques of teaching, course facilitation, dealing with problem students, remedial training issues, and safety considerations in off road training. At the end of the course the students will be able to plan and administer a basic off road training course for their agency. Completion of this course would allow for a dedicated OHV unit "trainer" which we currently do not have. The price estimate was provided by the company directly.	3.0000	1280.000	EA	3,840.00	2,880.00	960.00
Total for Others				12,480.00	9,360.00	3,120.00
Total Program Expenses				471,735.00	353,801.25	117,933.75
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				471,735.00	353,801.25	117,933.75
INDIRECT EXPENSES						
Indirect Costs						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
1	Indirect Costs						
	1. Indirect Costs-Writing and Administration of Grant Notes : Writing and administration of the grant. This would be costs we claim throughout the year that are indirect and not charges to the grant but to handle business for the grant.	100.0000	70.000	EA	7,000.00	5,250.00	1,750.00
Total Indirect Costs					7,000.00	5,250.00	1,750.00
TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES					7,000.00	5,250.00	1,750.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					478,735.00	359,051.25	119,683.75

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DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	399,255.00	299,441.25	99,813.75	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	60,000.00	45,000.00	15,000.00	
6	Others	12,480.00	9,360.00	3,120.00	
Total Program Expenses		471,735.00	353,801.25	117,933.75	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		471,735.00	353,801.25	117,933.75	
INDIRECT EXPENSES					
Indirect Costs					
1	Indirect Costs	7,000.00	5,250.00	1,750.00	
Total Indirect Costs		7,000.00	5,250.00	1,750.00	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES		478,735.00	359,051.25	119,683.75	

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.

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

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

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

ITEM 4 - Specify all standard measures (e.g., BMPs, established SOPs, or similar) within the Project description that have been incorporated into the Project 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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