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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Janice Donovan for Gary Simpson - Sheriff-Coroner
Sheriff
REPORT BY: Janice Donovan, Sheriff's Administrative Manager, 259-8674
SUBJECT: Application to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

RECOMMENDATION

Sheriff requests authorization to sign the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation grant application for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 in the amount of \$55,000 for partial reimbursement of salaries and benefits, off highway vehicle equipment and repairs in regards to law enforcement efforts in isolated areas of the County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This action will permit law enforcement patrol in the isolated areas within the county by the off highway motor vehicle team.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The grant has a 25% match (\$13,750) that can be met by the value of services, materials or property used on the grant as a match. Our match requirement will be met by the following: Sheriff's Department vehicle which will be used to tow trailer (\$3,000), equipment repair and maintenance (\$1,000) and salary and benefits for hours worked (\$9,750). These costs will be absorbed in the Sheriff's budget.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The isolated Knoxville area and other public lands patrol needs will not be met without the off highway vehicles that are currently being used.

Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The future fiscal impact is unknown.
Consequences if not approved:	Complaints such as careless shooting and illegal activities in these isolated areas, which are only accessible by off road vehicles, will go unchecked.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Sheriff's Department is requesting funds to continue enforcement of public and protected lands in the County, which includes Knoxville, Lake Berryessa, all state and county parks as well as wilderness areas situated in Napa County. These areas require law enforcement protection and services in areas used by off-road vehicles, campers, hunters and trespassers. Such areas are inaccessible to conventional patrol vehicles currently in use and pose a significant delay in current response time. This funding will allow Sheriff's Deputies to act as first responders to medical emergencies in remote unincorporated areas and provide the ability to enforce laws on public and private lands pertaining to off-road vehicle use, trespass, possession and use of illegal firearms and garbage dumping.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Helene Franchi