



Legislation Text

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Sheriff's Office recommending the Board approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Project Agreement G16-03-07-L01 award in the amount of \$121,495 with the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the term July 8, 2017 through July 7, 2018.

FUNDING: OHV Grant Funds of \$121,495, and 25% required match from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Upper American River Project Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Special Revenue monies of \$40,498 for a total of \$161,993.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Sheriff's office recommends that the Board accept the award and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Grant documents to receive these funds from the California Department of Parks and Recreation for operating costs for law enforcement of the County's OHV trails.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Sheriff's Office has received this grant funding since 2001. This funding has allowed Sheriff's law enforcement to address and mitigate several issues on the Rubicon Trail over the years. For a period of time, the Rubicon Trail was not a family friendly environment; however, due to increased law enforcement presence, users have noticed a positive change in the environment and culture, and the Trail is once again a safe place for families to enjoy.

The grant funding is used to fund a portion of a Sergeant position as well as two Deputies' salaries and benefits. Grant and match funding is sometimes used to purchase equipment and supplies to support law enforcement services on the Rubicon Trail and OHV areas within El Dorado County.

On December 18, 2012, the Board created a Special Revenue Fund for the El-Dorado Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Cooperation Agreement funds. The funds were to be used to fund multiple programs on the Rubicon Trail for several County departments. The Sheriff's Office requested and received these funds to partially offset its Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/2015, FY 2015/2016, and FY2016/2017 Rubicon patrol law enforcement activities costs.

Recently, the Sheriff's Office received notification of the grant award from the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$121,495. Law enforcement salary and benefits, as well as general operating expenses for law enforcement on the Rubicon Trail are eligible project costs under this grant. The 25% County Match is funded through the use of SMUD Cooperation Agreement special revenue funds which has already been included in the Sheriff's Office budget during the County Recommended Budget process. These funds offset salary, benefits, overtime and operational costs for providing patrol services on the Rubicon Trail during the OHV high season months.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel reviewed and approved Grant Project Agreement.

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no impact to Net County Cost. The grant funding has been included in the Sheriff's budget in the Addenda process. The County match (SMUD funds) is also included in the Sheriff's budget.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Public Safety

CONTACT

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