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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION DIVISION (FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request Board approval for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to accept a grant award in the amount of $142,504 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) for the 2008-09 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) grant program. This grant is for a 12-month period from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, with a required 25 percent ($35,626) in-kind match for a total program cost of $178,130. This is an ongoing program in its sixth year of funding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to sign and accept an OHMVR grant in the amount of $142,504 for the FY 2009-10.

2. Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to execute and submit all grant documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, modifications, amendments and extensions, and payment requests which may be necessary for completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The primary objective of CDPR's 2008-09 OHMVR grant program is to provide funding to selected law enforcement agencies in order to protect natural resources and enforce laws that regulate the use of off-highway motor vehicles and associated equipment. In meeting this objective, the Department will use the grant funds to implement off-highway vehicle enforcement projects administered by the Department's Santa Clarita Valley ($82,570) and Palmdale ($59,934) Stations.

The goal of the Department's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) project is to reduce incidences of off-highway vehicle related offenses and code violations throughout the jurisdiction of Santa Clarita Valley and Palmdale Stations, as well as the Lancaster and Crescenta Valley areas.

In order to successfully reduce the types of offenses and violations identified above, the Department will utilize the grant funds specifically to retain sergeant and deputy personnel on an overtime basis. These sergeants and deputies will be responsible for identifying and targeting areas where violations are highly prevalent, and conducting coordinated enforcement efforts throughout the identified region. In addition to the Department's active involvement in the project, the Department will also collaborate with the United States Forest Service to ensure that efficient and productive enforcement of the problem areas exists during peak times such as weekends and holidays.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Department's OHV Enforcement Program, a multi-station effort directed at enhancing OHV enforcement operations, meets the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan, Goal 3, Community and Municipal Services; and Goal 5, Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This continuing grant award is for $142,504 with a required 25 percent in-kind match of $35,626, for a total project cost of $178,130. The in-kind services will be provided by the Department. Funding for this program has been included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A resolution, required by the CDPR, as part of the application process, was previously adopted by your Board which authorizes the Department to submit the grant or an application. This Board letter has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15321 Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies, Class 21 (b), of the revised Environmental Reporting procedures and guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant funding will have a positive impact on the services currently provided by the Department and will give the Department an opportunity to successfully accomplish the mission, goals, and objectives of the Department, as well as those of the OHMVR grant program.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board approval, please return two adopted copies of this action to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding $100,000

Department: Sheriff's Department

Grant Project Title and Description: Off- Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program

The objective of this program is to enforce laws that regulate the use of off-highway motor vehicles and associated equipment, while protecting natural resources in the Santa Clarita Valley, Palmdale and Lancaster areas. Grant funding will be used to provide patrols, on an overtime basis, in areas where illegal off-highway vehicle activity is prevalent.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
California Department Parks and Recreation (CDPR)	G08-03-10-L01 & G08-03-10-L02	December 2009

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $142,504 **County Match:** $35,626
Grant Period: 12 months **Begin Date:** July 1, 2009 **End Date:** June 30, 2010
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: **Full Time:** 0 **Part Time**: 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes X No __

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes __ No X

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes __ No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes __ No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes __ No X

(Describe)_____

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes X No __

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: There is no impact on existing space.

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature Lee Baca **Date** 8/20/09