



CITY OF ATASCADERO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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JEREL HALEY
Chief of Police

Off Highway Vehicle License Fund Grant Application Packet

To: County Of San Luis Obispo General Service Agency-Parks

We the Atascadero Police Department are submitting this proposal, seeking assistance to help access and protect the Salinas River within our City. The Salinas River, also known as the "Upside Down River", runs north approximately 170 miles from San Luis Obispo County to the Monterey Bay. The 27 square mile City of Atascadero is bordered to the east by this impressive river. Much of the Salinas River is inaccessible to the Atascadero Police Department because we have no off-highway vehicles.

With this grant, we will be able to purchase an off-highway vehicle which will provide us access to the Salinas River. Having access to the river, we will be able to help protect the river and enforce off-highway vehicle laws. Staying conscious of the natural habitats of the Salinas River, we will be able to provide our citizens a better public safety response to issues in the Salinas River. We will do this by purchasing an off-highway vehicle and provide training to our personnel in the safe operation of the vehicle.

Once funding is provided, we will make the purchase immediately and schedule the necessary training. It will be our goal to have the vehicle purchased and outfitted for use by October of 2013. At that time, we will begin our enforcement of off-highway vehicle laws within the Salinas River and other rural areas of the City of Atascadero.

This program is a one-time cost and we are requesting \$20,000 for this project. We have been and will always be committed to providing the citizens of Atascadero with the best possible service. Funding this project will help the Atascadero Police Department strive towards that goal and protect the Salinas River within our jurisdiction.

We thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration in the matter of public safety.

Sincerely submitted,

The Atascadero Police Department

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In 2004, the Upper Salinas River Watershed Action Plan (WAP) was drafted and submitted to the State Water Resource Control Board to outline the management plan to maintain and restore the natural resources within the Upper Salinas River Watershed. Many goals in the WAP point to the City of Atascadero being diligent in our Salinas River preservation efforts. One area that the Atascadero Police Department is currently unable to have any control over is illegal activity in the Salinas River. The City of Atascadero is nearly 27 square miles all of which is bordered to the East by the Salinas River. The Atascadero Police Department and the Atascadero Fire Department are always the first responding units to criminal activity and medical emergencies within the City. As of today, the Police Department has no means to access the Salinas River to eradicate illegal activity or assist citizens in need. It is for this reason we are submitting this proposal hoping that we can provide a better service to our 28,000 citizens.

Below are the application questions and answers.

1. Submittal Date:

February 26, 2013

2. Name, address, phone and email address of applicant

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3. Title of Project

Access the Upside Down River

4. Amount of funding requested

\$20,000

5. Objective of project

Provide local Law Enforcement officers with a resource to enforce laws in and help protect the Salinas River.

6. Complete project description

Currently neither the Atascadero Police Department nor the Atascadero Fire Department has any means to access the Salinas River except by foot. This poses a major problem for the safety of citizens who enjoy the beautiful river and those who live within the general proximity of the River. This "Access the Upside Down River" project is submitted to purchase a "crew" style Off-Highway vehicle for the Atascadero Police Department. The project will fund the outfitting of the vehicle and necessary safety equipment to allow for river access. The project will provide a one-time purchase and the equipment will be used for many years.

7. Project development schedule

Once funded, the Atascadero Police Department will collect the necessary bids and attempt to purchase the necessary equipment locally. We will follow our City's purchase policy when purchasing the needed equipment. Upon arrival of the Off-Highway Vehicle, OHV, the Police Department will work with California State Parks for specific training for use of the equipment. It will be our goal to have the equipment available for deployment by October of 2013. The Atascadero Police Department will work with local Fish and Game Wardens to ensure that employees access the Salinas River in locations that are the least disruptive to the natural habitat.

8. Justification for project, including explanation of public benefit, (expected frequency of use, number of users, type of users, etc.), discussion of alternatives of accomplishing project objectives

This project is essential to afford the Atascadero Police Department the ability to help protect the natural habitat of the Salinas River. Currently, when people are riding their motorcycles or other four-wheel drive vehicles in the Salinas River, they are potentially endangering natural plants and animals who call the Salinas River home. We have no means to access the river and correct the behavior. The Atascadero Police Department also has no ability to access the river to assist injured citizens who may be in the need of acute emergency medical attention. It is our intention to use this vehicle in conjunction with the Atascadero Fire Department, who currently have only a 4-wheel drive ambulance which is not able to access the Salinas River. It will provide a vehicle that can be used for technical medical rescues if needed. Although, the main function of this vehicle will be in the Salinas River, we will also use this vehicle to allow for the police department to gain access to other rural areas in our City. The City of Atascadero has never had the funding for a project such as this and will not have such funding in the near future. Without the needed funding, this project will not be able to be accomplished and we will continue to have limited access at-best to many of our rural areas in the Salinas River.

9. Long-range plans and maintenance of the project.

After this project is funded, we plan to keep the Off-Highway Vehicle in the Atascadero Police Department fleet for many years to come. Routine maintenance will be funded by our current vehicle budget and we will make it a priority to keep the vehicle in impeccable condition. Our department utilizes many police volunteers that are responsible for daily, monthly and yearly maintenance of our entire fleet of police vehicles. Given our history and proven dedication to maintaining our equipment, the Off-Highway vehicle will remain in use in our fleet for many years.

10. Description of land status, ownership, legal description, vicinity and site maps(if applicable)

The land of the Salinas River does have some private ownership; however our access would be for police related activity and would have no legal ramifications.

11. Land Owner Authorization to complete project (if applicable)

Not applicable.

12. The history of the condition and status of resources and expected benefits

Historically the City of Atascadero has had no available resources to gain access to much of the Salinas River. The needed equipment has not been purchased and accessing the rural parts of the river has been impossible to navigate. It is expected that with the purchase of this off-highway vehicle we will be able to provide better service to our citizens who enjoy the benefits of hiking, riding bikes and horseback riding in the Salinas River.

13. Copies of design plans, as well as any information you feel is necessary for the complete review of this project.

The proposed plan is to purchase a "crew" style off-highway and the necessary safety equipment to deploy the vehicle.

14. Detailed description and estimated costs of expenditures related to the project. No more than 10 percent of the requested funding may be applied to administrative costs associated with the project.

The administrative costs of the grant will be absorbed into the normal operating budget of the Atascadero Police Department. The only proposed expenditure is for the purchase of the off-highway vehicle and necessary accessories to outfit the vehicle for police services. If funding

allows, we will collaborate with the Atascadero Fire Department to equip the vehicle with basic emergency medical supplies to allow for medical rescue operations if needed.

15. Amount of match funds, materials and/or volunteer efforts that are designated toward this project (if applicable)

No match funds will be applied to this project, except for those of maintenance and administrative work on the grant. The Police Department will work the California State Parks to provide training which will be funded through the normal operating and training budget of the Atascadero Police Department.

16. Experience of applicant completing similar projects to the grant being applied for

This project is similar to other projects completed by the Atascadero Police Department. The Atascadero Police Department has successfully completed many grants similar to this and is familiar with the necessary requirements of reporting and tracking grant progress. This Department has never had a negative response from a grant funding agency and will work diligently to ensure this grant meets the outlined goals.

17. Response to how your project meets the Allowable Use Criteria and the Grant Application Evaluation Criteria for the category you are applying for (Operation and Maintenance, Restoration, Law Enforcement or Education and Safety) as outlined on pages 2-5 of this document

This project is directly in line with Public Resource Code 5090.50 (b)(3), Law enforcement. Outlined below are the bullet points of how the Atascadero Police Department is in line with the requirement set forth.

(c)(i) In this document we have outlined how we will cooperate with other law enforcement entities.

(c)(ii) In this document we have outlined that we currently have no available resource to violations of off-highway vehicle laws and if this project is funded, we will be able to enforce such violations.

(c)(iii) In this document we have described the high priority need for law enforcement operations to provide public safety in a non-accessible area. We have also outlined our desire to help protect the environment and natural habitats of the Salinas River.

(c)(iv) In this document we have described that we are not recovering a portion of law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored events where sponsors have obtained a local permit.

(c)(v) It is our intent that after funding is acquired for this project, we will issue a press release outlining our specific goals of the project. We will include information regarding the laws pertaining to access and use of the Salinas River in the press release.

(c)(iv) In this document we have outlined how we will train our personnel in the safety requirements associated with the use of the off-highway vehicle. As described, we will also provide our personnel with information regarding the preservation of the natural habitats of the Salinas River.