



2024-3105 County of Lake-Sheriff's Office- Search and Rescue

Application ID

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Application Type

General Grant Application

Organization Profile

Organization Information

County of Lake-Sheriff's Office-Search and Rescue
P.O. Box 489,
Lakeport, CA, United States, 95453

Organization Type: Government Entity

Tax ID Number/EIN: 94-6000825

Country/Countries Served:

Organization History: The Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) team has a long history of dedicated service, responding to emergencies in rugged terrains, wilderness, and urban settings. Trained in search techniques, first aid, and survival skills, the team aids in locating missing persons, rescuing those in peril, and providing disaster response. Over the years, the SAR unit has played a pivotal role in ensuring public safety, collaborating with other agencies, and utilizing advanced technology to enhance rescue operations. Their commitment to saving lives and supporting communities remains unwavering.

Organization Description: The Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) is responsible for law enforcement, public safety, and emergency response across Lake County. It oversees patrols, investigations, corrections, search and rescue operations, and community services. LCSO serves a diverse population of approximately 68,000 residents spread across rural and mountainous areas. The county's largest city is Clear Lake, and the Sheriff's Office works closely with local agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

Organization Website: <http://lakesheriff.com>



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Application Contact

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Contacts

Please identify the following roles within your organization.

CEO/Executive Director

CEO Prefix

Mr.

CEO/Executive Director First Name

Luke

CEO/Executive Director Last Name

Bingham

CEO/Executive Director Title

Sheriff

CEO/Executive Director Email Address

lucas.bingham@lakecountyca.gov



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Country Calling Code

1 – United States

CEO/Executive Director Phone Number

707-262-4200

CEO Phone Number Extension

If awarded a Direct Relief grant, will your CEO/Executive Director be the authorized signee for your grant agreement?

Yes

Accounting Contact Information

Accounts Receivable Name

Mary Beth Strong

Accounts Receivable Email Address

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Country Calling Code

1 – United States

Accounts Receivable Phone Number

707-262-4200

Funding Request



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Project Name

Lake County SAR Rural Response

Total Amount Requested

\$31,000.00

Please provide the anticipated start date and end date of the project.

This information will help us better understand the timeline and scheduling of your proposed activities.

Start Date

January 01, 2025

End Date

December 31, 2025

What proportion of this project will Direct Relief funds support?

100%

Have you requested funds from any other organization for this project?

No

Approximately how many people does your organization serve annually?

68000

Project Description



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Executive Summary

Briefly describe the project you are proposing and what you hope to accomplish.

The proposed project will strengthen the Lake County Search and Rescue Team's capacity to navigate the rugged and remote terrain that defines Lake County, enabling faster responses, reducing search durations, and ultimately saving lives.

Describe the target population your project aims to reach. This includes general demographic information and socio-economic context.

Lake County SAR serves a base population of 68,000 residents with a daily fluctuation of tourists, many of whom utilize public lands. Lake County spans 844,800 acres of rugged mountains, rolling hills, and broad valleys, with over half designated as public lands, features 350+ miles of offroad trails and elevations ranging from 640 to 7,046 feet. Lake County faces significant economic challenges, including a median household income nearly \$20,000 below the California average, a poverty rate higher than the state norm, and a disproportionately high percentage of residents with disabilities.

What specific activities will this funding support?

This funding will enhance SAR operations, enabling 24/7, year-round response to locate, assist, and retrieve lost or distressed individuals. Over 85% of callouts involve lost, missing, or stranded people, with the remainder supporting mutual aid in rugged terrain. The project will support the existing "Quad Team" by funding two new ATVs equipped with basic rescue equipment and gear, increasing the team's capacity by 66%. Currently, the team of 8 share three ATVs, often requiring volunteers to use their own equipment, creating undue financial and operational strain. Utilizing an ATV in place of volunteers on foot is 5-10 times faster, covers up to 10 times more ground, and provides for a significantly higher load capacity, resulting in shorter duration operations, vital lifesaving equipment/supply delivery and more successful rescues.



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Please list any organizations you plan to partner with during the implementation of the project.

There are no direct partner organizations for implementation of this project, however, the project will support mutual aid callouts where ATVs are needed for SAR operations, often in neighboring jurisdictions. Most County SAR teams rely heavily on timely mutual aid response. In the last year, Lake County has been unable to fill 62% of requests, due at times to the lack of ATVs. This project will bolster Lake County's ability to provide timely response when requested.

What challenges or roadblocks do you anticipate encountering? How will you navigate these challenges?

Potential challenges or roadblocks may include supply chain issues. This will be remediated by assessing and utilizing multiple suppliers.

How do you define project success?

Project success is defined by enhanced Search and Rescue (SAR) capacity that results in faster response times, expanded coverage, and improved rescue outcomes for Lake County residents, visitors and mutual aid efforts. Success is measured by the operational impact, lives saved, increased capacity and the reduction of economic strain on volunteers currently bearing personal expenses to fulfill their critical roles.

For projects that will continue beyond the grant period, please describe your sustainability plans.

Lake County SAR has a strong foundation for sustaining the equipment funded by this project beyond the grant period. SAR has established maintenance protocols and trained personnel to ensure the longevity and operational readiness of ATVs and other essential gear. A portion of the annual budget, as well as additional fund seeking, supports operational expenses including maintenance. While the purchase of new quads is unattainable without the funding requested, Lake County SAR is committed to maintaining its enhanced capacity beyond the grant period.



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How will your organization deliver the proposed services/materials?

Lake County SAR is dedicated to supporting residents and visitors during times of distress, whether due to natural disasters or, more commonly, assisting lost, missing, or stranded individuals in remote areas. The team has extensive experience in procurement and grant management, ensuring that project deliverables are met efficiently and effectively. Through this funded project, SAR's overall capacity will be significantly enhanced, allowing for improved response and support in critical situations.

Goals and Metrics

The **Program Purpose** describes the overarching aim or intended outcome of a program.

Ex: This program aims to increase access to healthcare services in underserved communities.

Goals are the specific activities and approaches through which the purpose is achieved.

There are 1-3 goals per program.

Ex: Establish additional health clinics in underserved areas within the next 2 years.

Ex: Educate local community members on free and low-cost care options over the next 6 months.

Program Goal # 1

Increase the capacity of the Lake County SAR Quad Team by 66%.

Goal 1: Please enter your KPIs and their respective Baseline and Target Values.

Would you like to add a second goal?

No



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Estimated number of individuals reached through program activities

Estimated number of direct individuals reached through program activities

Examples of direct individuals include, but are not limited to, provider visits, screenings, development of treatment plans, etc.

37

Estimated number of indirect individuals reached through program activities

Examples of indirect individuals include, but are not limited to, outreach, training, community events, provider team meetings, etc.

68000

Budget

Please provide for your current fiscal year.

What is your organization's annual budget?

\$16,300.00

What are the main sources of funding for your organization?

The annual budget is based upon the availability of a one-time donation source that is now a special revenue fund within the County budget and has no means for replenishment once used.



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Please submit a budget for your proposed project.

Program Expenses Budget Allocation	Details	Total Costs
Standard ATV/UTV with Basic Rescue Equipment	Qty 2: ATV/UTV, emergency lights and sirens, medical equipment mounts and communications systems	\$30,000.00
Protective Clothing, Equipment and Gear	Qty 2 sets: Protective helmet, gloves, tools & ATV mounted storage bags	\$1,000.00
		\$31,000.00

Optional Attachments

Feel free to upload any supplemental information related to your funding request for Direct Relief to consider.

Letter_of_Support_-_Fire_Chiefs.pdf
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