

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Minnesota County Sheriffs:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Enforcement Division, is inviting all county sheriff agencies to participate in the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Enforcement Grant Program during the upcoming biennium, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. The 2017 Minnesota Legislature allocated \$485,000 for each fiscal year, 2018 and 2019.

You will find a "Preliminary 2018-2019 Allocation Totals" spreadsheet attached. If your county intends on participating for the next two years, please complete and return the attached "Fund Allocation Application" no later than July 31, 2017.

Preliminary grant amounts are based on:

1. The amount of public land and water in each county.
2. The total numbers of off highway vehicles registered and used in each county.
3. A base amount for participation in the program.

Additionally, based on the number of participating counties, your county will receive the same allocation amount in each fiscal year, 2018 and 2019. The details of receiving reimbursements will be indicated in the contract and on the DNR website. All expenses over the amount of your grant will be the sole responsibility of your county agency. All grants are reimbursed on an annual basis.

All information and forms regarding the Off Highway Grant Program can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/enforcement/index.html>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Chuck Niska, Program Manager. Chuck can be reach at chuck.niska@state.mn.us or (612) 756-4165.

Thank you in advance for your on-going efforts to assist the DNR in protecting Minnesota's resources and providing service to our citizens.

Sincerely,

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COL Rodmen Smith, Director
Division of Enforcement

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