

MDT Law Enforcement Application for Single Event High Visibility Enforcement

Agency Name: Red Lodge Police

Applicant Name and contact information: Assistant Chief Scott Cope;
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Dates of proposed enforcement period: The dates for the overtime funding requests are included in the narrative statements below. The video camera will provide an enduring benefit.

Project narrative (describe need - must be supported by data:

We are requesting financial assistance to augment our limited law enforcement budget to meet growing police department needs. We have established an order of priority for the requests described below.

Motorcycle Rally (Priority #1)

The 21st Annual Beartooth Motorcycle Rally will be held in Red Lodge, July 17-19, 2015. Our community has about 2200 residents and on the Rally weekend, approximately 10,000 – 12,000 motorcyclists will be in Red Lodge which annually requires us to bring in an additional 20 part-time officers at \$20 per hour, working an average of 20 hours, which will result in an additional cost to our department of \$8,000. The Beartooth Motorcycle Rally is an important event for our community, bringing in significant dollars to our retail and lodging establishments; but the cost to provide sufficient law enforcement coverage is a tremendous challenge to our limited budgets and we would greatly appreciate financial assistance.

4th of July events (Priority #2)

Our annual Home of Champions Rodeo and downtown parades will be held on July 2-4, 2015. A rodeo and parade are held on each of these three days and this is one of the major professional rodeo events in the nation. Our community of 2200 residents will see an increase of up to 15,000 visitors to attend/participate in these events. This will require us to hire additional officers and pay overtime to current officers, which will result in costs up to \$7500 for our police department.

In-car video cameras

Our three newest patrol cars have Watchguard video camera systems. We are asking for financial assistance to purchase 4 additional cameras to replace the old and outdated systems and technology in our other patrol cars. This has caused difficulty because the old system has been experiencing a lot of technical difficulties, reducing our ability to obtain the necessary videos for court proceedings. In current times, it is essential for modern day policing to have accurate documentation of incidents. It will also be helpful for all of our patrol cars to be using the same system. We want to purchase the Watchguard 4RE systems that include the ZSL camera with zoom and

panoramic capabilities. The cost per camera, including installation, is \$5200. Here is a link for more information about these cameras:
<http://watchguardvideo.com/4RE/overview>.

Enforcement activity must include partnering law enforcement agencies. List agencies. For the Harley and 4th of July weekends, we work in partnership with the Carbon County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, US Forest Service, Montana Probation Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and Montana Division of Criminal Investigation.

Describe use of funding: As described above, the funding will be used to pay for overtime, additional officers, and in-car video cameras.

Total Budget Request: \$36,300. We would greatly appreciate any financial assistance that can be provided to help us meet these important needs in our community.

Authorizing Official of the Grantee

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Montana Department of Transportation Approval

Lynn Zanto
Division Administrator: _____ **Date:** _____

MDT Council
Legal Services: _____ **Date:** _____

Fully Executed and Signed Application Serves as the contractual agreement between the Montana Department of Transportation and Applicant