
2025 State Homeland Security Grant Application

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PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Department Armored Vehicle

Project Summary:

The communities of Pinal County and the surrounding areas face a number of significant threats to their residents and critical infrastructure. These threats, such as terrorism, natural disasters, violent crime and mass shootings require our first responders to be constantly prepared for any critical incidents that may occur in the area. Mass shooting incidents, such as a February 2025 shooting in the county that left 1 dead and wounded 5 others, shows the severity of the threats facing the region. To better help prepare for such incidents, the Pinal County Sheriff's Office sustains a highly trained Regional SWAT Team to respond to all high risk critical call outs that occur within the county. In order for the team to effectively carry out our mission to protect the citizens and critical infrastructure of the region, we must have sufficient equipment to do the job. At this time, however, we lack access to an adequate number of response vehicles capable of meeting our needs for responding to catastrophic incidents such as natural disasters, performing rescues in adverse conditions, or protecting the team and civilians from ballistic attacks. Though we have the training and experience to protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks and natural disasters, we lack the equipment to sustain our capabilities to do so. As SWAT is responsible for responding to all incidents that exceed the capability of patrol within our jurisdiction, including terrorist attacks, hostage situations, and mass shooting incidents, we hereby request \$416,232 in funding to purchase a tactical multipurpose Response and Rescue Vehicle. This vehicle features hardened walls and blast proof windows that protect passengers from the types of ballistic and projectile threats seen in recent terrorist attacks, allowing our team to effectively deploy directly into hot zones to respond to ongoing emergencies. On top of this, the vehicle offers 4-wheel drive capability, run-flat tires, and the potential to reach highway speeds, to assist us in responding to calls throughout our entire jurisdiction in all road conditions. These capabilities will allow us to work off road when responding to calls in rural and remote areas of the county, while still allowing us to respond rapidly to incidents taking place in the more densely populated neighborhoods of cities such as Maricopa and Casa Grande, or throughout the Phoenix Metro Area. The off road capabilities, along with the vehicle's heightened ground clearance, will enable us to maneuver over road debris in the aftermath of natural disasters such as wildfires or flash floods, and to navigate flood prone roadways along the Gila River, and the Santa Cruz River or any other area waterways. The vehicle can carry up to 12 operators in full tactical gear and can fit up to 20 civilians in need of rescue or evacuation from violent incidents or natural disasters. In addition to the vehicle's rugged body and durable tires, it also includes several other features that will support our SWAT operators perform their duty. This Includes: □ 2 remote control spotlights capable of providing lighting in darkened areas and assisting us in search and rescue operations. □ An inside/outside intercom system will allow negotiators to communicate with armed suspects from the safety of the vehicle. □ A 14 foot hydraulic ram that can be attached to the front of the vehicle to allow officers to breach barricaded structures without exposing any personnel to potential gunfire. □ A 4 way camera system will allow us to monitor all sides of the truck simultaneously, enhancing our situational awareness when dealing with mobile gunmen or other threats. In addition to protecting officers and civilians from ballistic attack, the Rescue and Response Vehicle will also increase our cooperative efforts with other area first responders, improving our ability to respond to terrorist attacks, natural disasters or other mass casualty events. With this vehicle, we will be able to provide better protection while EMS units attempt to treat the wounded in volatile areas. The vehicle's various features will also allow us to work with paramedics and area fire units in performing rescues in adverse conditions, such as during flooding events when standard emergency response vehicles are not able to deploy due to their low ground clearance, or in the aftermath of wildfires, flash floods or other natural disasters when our area's fire trucks and ambulances are not able to access affected areas due to debris or damaged roadways. Considering how many recent terrorist attacks in the United States have involved individuals carrying out mass shootings in crowded areas, the ability to utilize a vehicle capable of protecting officers

and civilians from ballistic attacks could not be more vital to Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention (LETP) efforts. Additionally, the vehicle can also support LETP efforts by acting as a mobile means of target hardening. Due to its many protective features, the vehicle can be used to protect outdoor events from the type of vehicle based attacks that have been seen both domestically and internationally in recent years. As such terrorist incidents can be the work of either individual domestic extremists or larger organizations, these LETP capabilities can be used to combat lone wolf attacks as well as to disrupt Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTAs). We chose this investment both because it improves the effectiveness and the safety of our tactical unit and also because it is cost effective. Built on a Ford F550 chassis, the vehicle is inexpensive to service and maintain. Furthermore, the manufacturer has a GSA contract making it accessible through both the 1122 Counter Drug Procurement Program and the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Schedule 84 permitting direct procurement while significantly reducing the cost of the vehicle to the government's guaranteed lowest price. The lives of first responders, innocent civilians and even violent suspects are priceless and protecting them is our highest priority. This vehicle will reduce liability, enhance capability and expand rescue options, allowing us to minimize personal injury and property damage. The existing capabilities of the Pinal County Sheriff's Office support the goals we are hoping to achieve with the purchase of this equipment. SWAT is a part time tactical unit that conducts 8 hour training sessions twice per month. The team consists of 30 tactical operators and includes personnel trained as marksmen, tactical medics, and crisis negotiators. SWAT has jurisdiction throughout the entirety of Pinal County, a 5,374 square mile region with a growing population of 425,264 residents. This leaves us responsible for handling all tactical operations occurring within the smaller municipalities and unincorporated areas of the county, as well as those occurring in the county's larger communities such as the City of Maricopa (42.59 square miles with 58,125 residents), the City of Casa Grande (112 square miles with 53,658 residents), and the unincorporated area of San Tan Valley with the vast population of over 100,000 residents. Through mutual aid agreement, the team can also be called on to respond to emergencies and to support local tactical units in the cities of Gilbert and Chandler. There are numerous examples of critical infrastructure, soft targets, and crowded places in and around Pinal County that this vehicle could protect from terrorist attacks or other threats. This includes: □ Central Arizona College 10,231 students on 5 county campuses. □ The county is home to 101 schools, with 18 high schools, 10 middle schools, 50 elementary schools, 6 alternative schools, 13 charter schools, and 4 private schools. □ Maricopa Station is a single platform Amtrak facility on both the Texas Eagle and Sunset Limited lines that serves nearly 13,500 passengers per year. □ Banner Casa Grande Medical Center is a 141 bed facility with an ER and radiology equipment. □ The Promenade Mall at Casa Grande, which has a large Harkins movie theater and several outdoor retail shopping stores. □ Pinal County hosts County Thunder, one of the largest outdoor concert events of county music with more than 200,000 attendees throughout the week. □ The Coolidge Dam is a 249 foot high, 580 foot long flood and irrigation control structure. □ Coolidge Municipal Airport is a 1,268 acre facility with 2 runways. □ Pinal Airpark is a 1,508 acre facility that includes 1 runway and a U.S. military helipad. □ Two electric vehicle plants, one located north west of the interstate 8, and the other located off highway 87, south of Coolidge, AZ SWAT has been involved in numerous high risk call outs that show this jurisdiction's vulnerability. This includes a number of barricaded gunman and hostage incidents that forced the team to approach isolated buildings and to engage in prolonged standoffs with armed individuals. A recent example was an operation SWAT operators assisted the US Marshalls where SWAT attempted to apprehend a homicide suspect who barricaded himself within his home and began to fire at the operators. Another instance where a subject barricaded behind a shed and threatened SWAT operators with a handgun, causing a shootout before the BearCat vehicle arrived on scene to offer our team some protection. Such events show the need for our area to obtain a second rescue vehicle offering protection from ballistic and explosive threats that can be stationed in a separate part of the county from the current vehicle to reduce response time throughout the region. The City of Casa Grande suffers from a high violent crime rate and the entire county lies in a region that is considered "High Risk for River Flooding" (FEMA National Risk Index February 2025). Despite these facts, the team currently has access to two armored vehicles which one is extremely outdated and has become unreliable at times. This causes issues on SWAT calls at times because we are limited when performing tactical operations. While these

vehicles provides exceptional protection from ballistic and projectile attacks and has helped to safeguard the lives of operators and civilians, it cannot protect all of our tactical operators during transport and deployment, nor can it provide adequate security for the entirety of the team during standoffs when multiple suspects may be involved or when a building may have multiple access points or firing positions. This is because the team covers a large area and the time of arrival of the Casa Grande Police Department armored vehicle is extended. This situation can leave the operators and civilians unprotected during critical incidents, greatly increasing their risk of serious injury or death and can cause hazardous delays in performing evacuations or search and rescue operations during or in the immediate aftermath of natural disasters. As was seen during the 2015 mass shooting events in San Bernardino and Colorado Springs, having multiple rescue vehicles present in a region can help save lives and bring dangerous incidents to a resolution. With the acquisition of a new Rescue and Response Vehicle, the SWAT Team will be better equipped to handle calls throughout our jurisdiction and will have better protection to help prepare us for any type of attack that may occur within the region. With the safety provided by the trucks' hardened walls and windows we will be able enter hot zones to protect our officers, rescue civilians and increase the likelihood of a quick and positive resolution to incidents, while also being better prepared to assist our fellow first responders by performing rescues and evacuations and providing aid in the immediate aftermath of natural disasters in areas that may be inaccessible using standard equipment. To sustain the capabilities supporting this project, we will provide the team with regular training on this vehicle so that we can build and maintain a high level of proficiency. Our department will maintain the vehicle so that it remains in a constant state of operational readiness, and we will use our own resources to provide regular upkeep so that the vehicle lasts its expected 10-15 years. Multiple federal government agencies have complimented the effectiveness of this type of vehicle in responding to critical incidents. They affirm its capability to protect responding personnel and citizenry during HazMat and mass casualty incidents. Furthermore, these agencies and law enforcement agencies throughout the country currently use these vehicles as a key tool to prevent acts of terrorism. The Pinal Regional SWAT Team needs this equipment so that we can continue to protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to and recover from terrorism and natural disasters. This investment will increase integration among first responders, allowing us to protect against the widest variety of hazards so that we can fulfill our duty to safeguard our immediate and surrounding communities. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Organization Name:

Pinal County Sheriff's Office

COMMENTS / REVIEW

Funding Year: 2025**Performance Period:** October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026**Award Letter Date:** September 22, 2025**Award Docs Return by Date:** Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026**Award Exp Start Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025**EHP:** A

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AGENCY DEMOGRAPHICS

Number of sworn personnel: 248

Specialized Team Project Supports: SWAT

Number of personnel on Specialized Team Project Supports: 49

INITIATIVES

Initiatives:

Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response & Decontamination Capabilities

Is this project a Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity (LETPA)?: Yes

Project Type: Enhance capabilities to respond to all-hazards events

Is this project also submitted in UASI?: No

Does this project support a National Priority Area?:

No

THREAT PROFILE

1. What is the terrorism threat your area faces that will be addressed by this project?:

Active Shooter
Explosive Devices

2. Explain how this project will assist your agency in preventing/protecting against/mitigating/responding to/recovering from all hazards events and threats including your chosen terrorism threat in question 1.:

The project includes the purchase of a new armored vehicle for the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, which will be utilized by The Pinal Regional SWAT Team. This vehicle will assist the SWAT team response capabilities for high risk calls in the community and other rescue service calls. The armored vehicle will provide protection for it's occupants from any and all active shooters and explosive devices that may be encountered by providing a much-needed shield. Pinal County has grown in population the last few years, which it has seen expansions in schools and housing developments in the unincorporated areas, along with the growth in incorporated areas. The additional armored vehicle will be staged in the county's most populated area's to have a rapid response to any active shooters or terrorist threats. This will eliminate the time for armor to arrive on scene at an incident and provide cover for operators and citizens. Pinal County has remote area's in which the Pinal Regional SWAT team responds to. The armored vehicle is four wheel drive and will have the capabilities to drive off road. One of the largest Country Music festival is hosted in Pinal County , this event brings spectators through the nation to Pinal County. The event has a large concert venue and provides a large area for camping overnights . Having multiple armored vehicles at this event will provide safety for all who attended this event.

3. Mission Area > Core Capability:

- Respond › On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement

3a. Capability Target > POETE > Gap:

- Within 4 hour(s) of an incident, provide security and law enforcement services to protect emergency responders and 54,000 people affected. › Equipment › Law enforcement
- Within 4 hour(s) of an incident, provide security and law enforcement services to protect emergency responders and 54,000 people affected. › Equipment › Protecting response personnel

4. What resources does your agency currently have to support the capability target selected above?:

The Pinal Regional SWAT Team currently has one armored vehicle belonging to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office and one armored vehicle belonging to Casa Grande Police Department. The Casa Grande Police Department's armored vehicle is out of date and at time unreliable. Casa Grande's armored vehicle is housed at Casa Grande Police Department, which delays response time.

5. How will this project help your agency to achieve the capability target selected above?:

This project will help with the purchase of an additional armored vehicle for the Pinal Regional SWAT Team. This armored vehicle will be equipped to deploy to any domestic terrorist threats to the community, assisting with the protection of citizens and police officers. This project will allow a rapid response for armor on the northern and southern sides of Pinal County ensuring, responder, rescue , medical, and public safety on high-risk calls. Having multiple armored vehicles implemented in tactical operations, meets today's tactical needs.

6. Will your agency continue to maintain, support and sustain this capability with other funding sources if Homeland Security grant funds were no longer available?: Yes

6a. Describe how your agency will maintain this capability.:

Once all grant funding has been expended, the Pinal County Sheriff's Office will include all armored vehicle related expenses in their annual budget going forward as a normal operating expense.

7. Does this project support a NIMS typed resource?: No

8. Has your agency previously been awarded Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP, UASI and/or OPSG) funding to support this project/capability?: No

9. Is this a multi-phase project?:

No

10. Will your project benefit more than just your own agency?:

Yes

10a. List which agencies that will have a direct benefit:

Casa Grande Police Department, Coolidge Police Department, Eloy Police Department , Florence Police Department , Maricopa Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, Border Patrol , Drug Enforcement Agency, Ice , Pinal County Adult Probation

10b. Describe in detail how the agencies mentioned in question 10a will benefit.:

All local municipalities Police Departments will be able to request deployment of the armored vehicle if it's needed for assistance on calls and or threats . This critical equipment will help increase officer and public safety. The Pinal Regional SWAT team consist of operators from most of the municipalities and responds when requested to assist with incidents where SWAT is required. This armored vehicle will ensure the SWAT Team is well prepared to handle active shooters or terrorist threats.

11. Is your agency prepared to provide up to 25% cash (hard) or in-kind (soft) match and ensure it is tracked and documented should matching funds be a requirement in FFY 2025?:

Yes

11a. What will the source of the match be?:

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PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER #1

Upon the grant being awarded , The Pinal County Sheriff's Office will follow the procurement process . Once a vendor is chosen through the procurement process. The Sheriff's Office will place a purchase order for the armored vehicle. The Vendor will build the armored vehicle we selected . Once the armored vehicle is fully operational, the Sheriff's office will utilize the armored vehicle on all SWAT responses , plus training exercises to ensue each SWAT member is familiar with how to operate with the vehicle. Prepare and submit first quarter responses.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER #2

SWAT operators will need to be well versed on how to operate the armored vehicle. Regular trainings will occur for operators. The Pinal Regional SWAT Team will utilize the vehicle on all SWAT calls. The armored vehicle will be deployed for all major events in Pinal County where SWAT is requested. This includes different jurisdictions .We will utilize are records management system to track all activities with the armored vehicle. Prepare and submit second quarter reports.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER #3

Pinal Regional SWAT will continue all armored vehicle operations. This includes all armored vehicles calls for service, types of services and outcomes. Prepare and submit third quarter reports.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER #4

Continue armored vehicle operations and monitoring and tracking armored , vehicle calls for service and types of service and outcomes. Prepare and submit fourth quarter reports.

EQUIPMENT REQUEST

Equipment Item	Age/Condition of Equipment	Qty Requested	Cost Per Unit	Total Requested	Total Awarded
Item Name: Armored rescue vehicle AEL: 12VE-00-CMDV Description: The armored vehicle will be utilized by the Pinal Regional SWAT Team. This armored vehicle will provide safety for Officers and the community. It will deploy with SWAT , on barricades , hostage rescues and other missions SWAT deploys on. This will give the team another up to date armored vehicle which will be staged in the the northern part of Pinal County, which will reduce response times for the teams armored vehicle to arrive on scene. The armored vehicle G3 is equipped with LED red and blue, with 4-wheel off-road upgrade pkg with run flats. The G3 armored vehicle comes with a Diesel Engine 6.7 turbo , this diesel engine will ensure the armored vehicle has enough power to deal with any incidents presented to the team. 360 camera system, which allows visibility completely around the vehicle instead of the old visibility restricted. The camera system also has the capability to record. Rear AC with the high capacity upgrade. This will ensure the operators are cooled during the summer heat in Arizona. The armored vehicle will be equipped with a draco prep package , which will be safer for the operators to insert gas munitions into a structure. Intercom system, High intensity driving lights , roog mounted spot light, which will give operators better lighting on scene. Undercarriage armored plating to protect from projectiles .		1	\$416,232	\$416,232	\$0
				\$416,232	\$0

Equipment Requested Total: \$416,232

Equipment Awarded Total: \$0

TRAINING REQUEST

Training Item	Backfill / Overtime	Workshops / Conferences	Trainers / Contractors / Consultants	Supplies	Travel	Total Requested	Total Awarded
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
						\$0	\$0

Training Request Total: \$0

Training Award Total: \$0

Does your agency have an IPP?:

No

EXERCISE REQUEST

Description	Exercise Type	Backfill / Overtime	Workshops / Conference	Trainers / Contractors / Consultants	Supplies	Travel	Total Requested	Total Awarded
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
							\$0	\$0

Exercise Requested Total: \$0

Exercise Awarded Total: \$0

Does your agency have an IPP?:

No

PLANNING REQUEST

Description	Backfill and Overtime	Workshops / Conference	Staff / Contractors / Consultants	Materials	Travel	Total Requested	Total Awarded
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
						\$0	\$0

Planning Request Total: \$0

Planning Award Total: \$0

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY REQUEST

Description	Overtime	Operational Expenses	Staff / Contractors / Consultants	Total Requested	Total Awarded
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				\$0	\$0

Organizational Activity Request Total: \$0

Organizational Activity Award Total: \$0

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Description	Backfill / Overtime	Personnel / Contractor / Consultant	Travel	Materials	Total Requested
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
					\$0

M&A Total Requested: \$0**M&A Awarded Total: \$0**

PROJECT REQUEST TOTAL

Cost Category	Total Requested	Total Awarded
Equipment Total	\$416,232	\$0
Exercise Total	\$0	\$0
Training Total	\$0	\$0
Planning Total	\$0	\$0
Organization Total	\$0	\$0
Project Total	\$416,232	\$0

	M&A Amount Requested	M&A Amount Awarded
Management and Administration	\$0	\$0

	Indirect Costs Requested	Indirect Costs Approved
Indirect Costs	No	No

INDIRECT COSTS

Is your agency seeking indirect costs?: No

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Funding Details:

The Pinal County Sheriff's Office will contribute to partial funding with the amount of \$104,000.00

Can partial funding be accepted in support of this project?: Yes

