

Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission Grant Proposal

1. Name of project:

"Deer Decoy"

2. Name of Organization submitting proposal:

California Department of Fish & Wildlife

3. Name of contact person:

Lieutenant Matthew Renner, CDFW

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4. Project background:

Humboldt County is rich with a diverse amount of wildlife resources, the most common and sought after being the Blacktail deer. While most hunters take a great deal of time and pride in scouting hunting locations, purchasing their hunting licenses and deer tags, and legally hunting these animals, there are those that choose to kill deer illegally during all hours of the day doing whatever they can. These deer can be found anywhere in Humboldt County and the local Wardens who patrol to protect these animals may not always be in the right place at the right time. For these reasons I am requesting grant funding to be used to purchase a new robotic deer decoy.

These types of decoys have been used for many years to apprehend violators. Their lifelike appearance and movements mimic those of a live animal making the violator think they are shooting at the real thing. By using a robotic decoy, we can put the Warden, violator, and resource in the same place at the same time creating the perfect situation for making an apprehension. I have personally been part of numerous enforcement details using robotic decoys and have documented their effectiveness and the different ways that suspects hunt at night. Recently during one of these details, the suspect vehicle did not come to a complete stop before a shot was fired. There was no use of a traditional handheld spotlight or any indication prior to the gunshot that they were out looking for deer. As these types of methods become more widely used, it becomes more and more difficult for Wardens to find and arrest these poachers. If it had not been for our use of a robotic decoy, we very well may have never apprehended these suspects.

Recently the Humboldt County Fish and Game Advisory Commission graciously approved a grant for a deer decoy which has been used successfully to apprehend numerous violators throughout the county. The proposed purpose for this decoy is to replace an older one that has been damaged from years of gunshot damage to various parts of its body and electronics.

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5. Project and work procedure description: N/A

6. Project objective:

Purchase a new robotic deer decoy for use by Wardens in Humboldt County.

7. Work schedule: N/A

8. Proposer's qualifications: N/A

9. Amount requested:

\$2,009.26

10. Other funding sources: None

11. Annual budget:

One time expenditure of \$2,009.26 for a deer decoy. (See attached bid estimate)

12. Volunteer participation: N/A

Custom Robotic Wildlife, Inc.

1762 South Road
Kronenwetter, WI 54455
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Estimate

DATE	ESTIMATE NO.
6/29/2018	1128

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			PROJECT
DESCRIPTION	QTY	COST	TOTAL
Blacktail Deer Decoy with Robotic Head and Tail (customer to supply the hide)	1	1,575.00	1,575.00
Packaging and Crating	1	40.00	40.00
Shipping Amount	1	211.60	211.60
Thank you for your business.			TOTAL \$1,826.60