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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 12, 2017

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DATE: November 28, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Justin Norton, Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office
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THROUGH: Dr. Laura D. Knight, Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner

SUBJECT: Accept grant funding [\$79,914 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor, toxicology, and travel expenses relating to opioid-related deaths, retroactive from October 19, 2017 through August 31, 2018; authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This grant will allow for paid staff time and benefits/fringe to investigate opioid-related deaths and input data into a national database. Funding for expanded toxicology testing and travel for data collection and training is also included in the award. This award is retroactively approved as of October 19, 2017. The Regional Medical Examiner's Office submitted this grant as soon as possible based on the receipt of the original grant award letter.

A new full time Medicolegal Data Specialist position has already been approved by the Board and will be evenly funded by this grant and the already approved National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) grant (IO 11433). The position is entirely grant funded and will be eliminated upon termination of grant funding.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

October 24, 2017 – Board action to create full time Medicolegal Data Specialist position
September 26, 2017 – Board action to approve National Violent Death Reporting System grant

AGENDA ITEM # _____

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Office of Public Health Investigations & Epidemiology

Scope of the Project: Provides for personnel expenses, expanded toxicology testing expenses, and travel expenses to investigate opioid-related deaths and receive training for such investigations

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program creates a detailed data repository for all opioid-related deaths. This data can be used by law enforcement, health agencies, etc. to better understand the root causes of such deaths which will lead to better prevention and treatment programs.

On-Going Program Support: This is a new program created by the federal government and will continue as long as grant funding is available.

Award Amount: \$79,914.00

Grant Period: October 19, 2017 – August 31, 2018

Funding Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

CFDA Number: 93.136

Grant ID Number: NU17CE924901-01-01

Match Amount and Type: No match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: No sub-awards or contracts

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for this grant will be reimbursed to Washoe County from the State of Nevada after they are incurred. The Regional Medical Examiner's Office has sufficient budget to pay the expenses until reimbursement occurs. Should the Board accept this grant award, the Fiscal Year 2018 adopted budget for the Regional Medical Examiner's Office will be increased by \$79,914 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11460	431100 – Federal Grants	\$79,914
IO 11460	711210 – Travel	\$4,000
IO 11460	701110 – Base Salaries	\$26,600
IO 11460	705360 – Benefit Adjustment	\$13,000
IO 11460	710104 – Toxicology	\$36,314

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the grant funding [\$79,914 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor, toxicology, and travel expenses relating to opioid-related deaths, retroactive from October 19, 2017 through August 31, 2018; authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept grant funding [\$79,914 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor, toxicology, and travel expenses relating to opioid-related deaths, retroactive from October 19, 2017 through August 31, 2018; authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."