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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022

DATE: Friday, April 15, 2022
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Captain Phil Jones, Special Operations Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$16,978.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018 project number 97067.18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit to cover the cost of training for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, through the Department of Homeland Security. Per county policy, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, and Homeland Security has awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office funding to cover the cost of registration for the SANS Institute FOR500 Windows Forensic Analysis training course for two detectives. This class is tailored to provide instruction on how to respond to threats to Cybersecurity. Included in the class will be instruction in part, to recover vital intelligence from Windows systems and incident response for such crimes as Industrial Espionage, computer intrusions, and insider threats.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic impacts: Meet the needs of our growing community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

December 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 10.K.8, the Sheriff's Office request to accept [\$132,104.00, no County match required] as

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administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2021 project number 97067.21, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit for the purchase of forensic software and licenses for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023.

November 17, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 10.D.3, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a Cyber Security grant award [\$80,072.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2020, Project number 97067.20, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to sustain current Cyber Security for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

November 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 8.D.1, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a Cyber Security grant award [\$42,035.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2019, Project number 19-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to sustain current Cyber Security for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

December 11, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 7.G.10, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a Cyber Security grant award [\$45,060.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, Project number 18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to sustain current Cyber Security for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

November 14, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 5.G.4, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a grant award [\$84,000.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2017, Project number 17-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for Cyber Security for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019

October 25, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 7.I.2, the Sheriff's Office recommendation to approve a sub grant award [\$25,375.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2016, Project number 16-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for Cyber Security for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018.

The Board has accepted an annual Cyber Security Grant Program award on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office since 2004.

BACKGROUND

The Nevada Office of the Military (formerly Department of Public Safety), Division of Emergency Management has historically funded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of forensic workstations, software, licenses, and cybersecurity training for the Sheriff's Office Cyber Crimes Unit that will enhance the Cyber Unit's ability to investigate cyber security breaches resulting in criminal behavior.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office dedicates personnel to investigate cyber related matters and partners with federal and state law enforcement combining our resources and experience. The Northern Nevada Cyber Center is committed to responding to Northern Nevada and Statewide cyber-terror threats/incidents. Through two years of COVID restrictions and through natural attrition, personnel with the necessary skill sets have been

unable to attend the national training. This training for two Detectives will support the goals to have the ability to provide Incident response for events impacting the State of Nevada and maintain our base level of preparedness for homeland security and emergency management.

Reason for retroactive submittal: This grant is re-obligated monies from FFY2018 funding. This item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once paperwork was received and processed.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Cybersecurity Training Project

Scope of the Project: Training for Cyber Crimes Unit

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increase safety

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$16,978.00

Grant Period: 9/01/2018 – 06/30/2022

Funding Source: Nevada Office of the Military

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Division of Emergency Management

CFDA Number: 97.067

Grant ID Number: 97067.18-3000

Match Amount and Type: No Match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Equipment will be purchased using Washoe County grant procurement processes compliant with 2 *CFR* 200.317-200.326.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY22 Sheriff's Office adopted budget will be increased by \$16,978.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11994 FY18 DEM CYBER TRAINING	431100 – Federal Grants	\$16,978.00

IO 11994 FY18 DEM CYBER TRAINING	710509-Seminars & Meetings	\$16,978.00
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- No Match
- Reimbursement
 - Upfront cash from General Funds
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$16,978.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018 project number 97067.18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit to cover the cost of training for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and if approved, 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 a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$16,978.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018 project number 97067.18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit to cover the cost of training for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."