



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 26, 2022

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a 2022 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle grant from State of Nevada SERC for [\$14,484.00, no county match required]; Grant Term: Retroactive from March 18, 2022 through September 30, 2022; If approved, authorize the Chairperson to execute grant documents and authorize the County Manager or his designee, to sign the Washoe County Sub-Grant Agreement between Washoe County and the Reno Fire Department (RPD) per NRS 244.1505, in the amount of \$14,484.00 for backfill and overtime to participate in a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Exercise: approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to accept a 2022 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle grant for [\$14,484.00, no County match required] from the State of Nevada SERC. Grant term is retroactive from March 18, 2022, through September 30, 2022. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) subgrant these funds to member entities to provide equipment to local first responders strengthening their ability to effectively respond to hazardous material related incidents.

Staff is requesting a retroactive approval to March 18, 2022, due to the timing of the receipt of the grant award and timing of BCC meeting opportunities.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Support a thriving community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The Board of County Commissioners has accepted the SERC HMEP grants for the past 12 years dating back to 2010.

August 17, 2021 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted the 2021 SERC HMEP HAZWOPER Training and Train the Trainer Grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management, [\$7,770.00 with no County match]; and directed the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

September 14, 2021 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted the 2021 SERC HMEP FireShows West Grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management, [\$12,870.00 with no County match]; and directed the Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget adjustments.

BACKGROUND

The source of this funding is a United States Department of Transportation (US DOT), Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grant, which is passed through the State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission (SERC). The grant provides funding to the Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for first responder training to address hazardous material emergencies.

This grant is retroactive due to the federal government grant system funding issues. This delay is not within the control of the County or State.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *2022 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Training Mid-Cycle Grant (HMEP)*

Scope of the Project: *Provide a training exercise opportunity for the TRIAD HAZMAT Team via Reno Fire Department to increase effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, as well as the unique challenges in response to transportation situations. Funds will be used to cover the overtime and backfill cost of members needed to fill roles in the Regional Full Scale CBRNE exercise.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *The grant will benefit our regional first responders and first receivers with the training necessary to conduct an effective response to Hazardous Materials incidents protecting the lives and properties of County residents.*

On-Going Program Support: *This annual grant opportunity is for specific deliverables. We will continue to apply for funding annually.*

Award Amount: *\$14,484.00*

Grant Period: *March 18, 2022, through September 30, 2022*

Funding Source: *United States Department of Transportation (US DOT), Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grant, which is passed through the State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission (SERC).*

Pass Through Entity: *State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)*

CFDA Number: *20.703*

Grant ID Number: *22-HMEP-16-01*

Match Amount and Type: *No County match required.*

Sub-Awards and Contracts:

Washoe County will sub-grant \$14,484.00 of these funds to Reno Fire Department, per NRS 244.1505, for financial assistance with staff through overtime and backfill of TRIAD members necessary to participate in a regional full scale HAZMAT Exercise.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY 22 Emergency Management adopted budget will be increased by \$14,484.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
Revenue:		
IO 11990	431100 – Federal Grant	\$14,484.00
Expenditures:		
IO 11990	710119 – Subrecipient Payments	\$14,484.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a 2022 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle grant from State of Nevada SERC for [\$14,484.00, no county match required]; Grant Term: Retroactive from March 18, 2022 through September 30, 2022; If approved, authorize the Chairperson to execute grant documents and authorize the County Manager or his designee, to sign the Washoe County Sub-Grant Agreement between Washoe County and the Reno Fire Department (RPD) per NRS 244.1505, in the amount of \$14,484.00 for backfill and overtime to participate in a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Exercise: approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments..

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept the recommendation to approve a 2022 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle grant from State of Nevada SERC for [\$14,484.00, no county match required]; Grant Term: Retroactive from March 18, 2022 through September 30, 2022; If approved,

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