



# WASHOE COUNTY

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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 \$16,999.00, 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 for the purchase of a forensic workstation for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Department to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

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### 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 Department 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 for the purchase of a forensic workstation for the Special Operations Unit. The equipment will enhance the Cyber Crimes Unit's ability to investigate cyber related matters, cyber intrusion and cyber intellectual property crimes.

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 administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2021 project number 97067.21, to the Washoe

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

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 and licenses 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. Forensic Workstations allow massive amounts of data to be processed in an acceptable time frame in conjunction with utilizing hardware components specifically designed to protect the integrity of the systems being analyzed. This is critical to ensure the work can be duplicated and to assist in the prosecution of any potential criminal cases. This workstation will benefit the State's capabilities because it will allow us to

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 Workstation Program

**Scope of the Project:** Purchase of Equipment for Cyber Crimes Unit

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Increase safety

**On-Going Program Support:** None

**Award Amount:** \$16,999.00

**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 budget will be increased by \$16,999.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object</b>	<b>G/L Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IO 19124 DEM CYBER WORKSTATION	431100 – Federal Grants	\$16,999.00
IO 19124 DEM CYBER WORKSTATION	711504-Equipment Non Capital	\$16,999.00

- 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 \$16,999.00, 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 for the purchase of a forensic workstation for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Department 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 \$16,999.00, 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 for the purchase of a forensic workstation for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Department to make the necessary budget amendments."