



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 23, 2024

**DATE:** Monday, April 22, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Darin Balaam, Sheriff

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept the 2024-2025 Division of Public and Behavioral Health funds from Nevada Department of Health and Human Services [amount not to exceed \$5,889,962, no match required] to be used to fund new personnel, associated operating expenses, to include recruitment costs, and equipment from March 15, 2024- December 30, 2025, authorizing the creation of 10.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff Positions and 1.0 FTE full time Sergeant funded 100% by these funds, as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured; if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments and Human Resources to create the positions. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

This funding is received from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to support the collaboration between Washoe County and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. The goal of this Jail Based Mental Health Program is to introduce treatment at an earlier time in the assessment prior to adjudication of individuals with mental illness. The overarching goal and expectation of this Jail Based Mental Health Program is to mirror the intensive therapy clients receive at Lakes Crossing Center, the only maximum-security psychiatric facility providing comprehensive forensic mental health services in Northern Nevada. When individuals are court ordered to Lakes Crossing Center, it is for evaluation and/or treatment for restoration to legal competency. This Washoe County Jail Based Mental Health Program will reduce the time needed for evaluation prior to transfer to Lakes Crossing Center for the treatment for restoration to legal competency.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations; Coordination between agencies and communication of programs.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

None

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

## **BACKGROUND**

Funds are to be utilized by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to design, support and enhance the Jail Based Mental Health Program. This funding from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services will provide a Law Enforcement Team comprised of one Sergeant and ten Deputy Sheriffs. These full-time positions will integrate with existing staffing to form a team dedicated to reducing the time needed for evaluation prior to Lakes Crossing Center for the treatment for restoration to legal competency.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *Jail Based Mental Health Program*

**Scope of the Project:** *Provide comprehensive forensic mental health services.*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Provide smooth transition from in custody to out of custody mental health services.*

**On-Going Program Support:** *If grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.*

**Award Amount:** *Total \$5,889,962*

**Grant Period:** *03/15/24 – 12/31/25*

**Funding Source:** *Nevada Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Public & Behavioral Health - ARPA Allocation #24JBMHP01*

**Pass through From:** *U.S Department of Treasury*

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** *21.027*

**Grant ID Number:** *SG-2024-00058*

**Match Amount and Type:** *None*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *Contract with and to be determined Medical Service provider.*

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this funding and approve these amendments, the FY24 Washoe County Sheriff’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$5,889,962 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	431100- Federal Grants	\$5,889,962.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	701412-Salary Adjustment	\$ 1,779,567.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	705360-Benefit Adjustment	1,123,001.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	710300-Operating Supplies	\$30,001.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	710504-Equipment NonCap	\$55,619.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	710200-Service Contract	\$2,743,274.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	710500-Other Expense	\$158,500.00

- *No match required.*
- *Indirect costs are not included in the grant award.*
- As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the 2024-2025 Division of Public and Behavioral Health funds from Nevada Department of Health and Human Services [amount not to exceed \$5,889,962, no match required] to be used to fund new personnel, associated operating expenses, to include recruitment costs, and equipment from March 15, 2024- December 30, 2025, authorizing the creation of 10.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff Positions and 1.0 FTE full time Sergeant funded 100% by these funds, as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured; if approved, direct Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments and Human Resources to create the positions. (All Commission Districts)

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move accept the 2024-2025 Division of Public and Behavioral Health funds from Nevada Department of Health and Human Services [amount not to exceed \$5,889,962, no match required] to be used to fund new personnel, associated operating expenses, to include recruitment costs, and equipment from March 15, 2024- December 30, 2025, authorizing the creation of 10.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff Positions and 1.0 FTE full time Sergeant funded 100% by these funds, as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured; if approved, direct Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments and Human Resources to create the positions. (All Commission Districts)