



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 28, 2019

DATE: Friday, May 24, 2019
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Pat Lee, Captain, Special Operations Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve acceptance of 2018 HIDTA Northern Nevada Major Crimes Unit/ATAC funding [amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, no County match required] to be used for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses from High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department, for the retroactive grant period of 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2019, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

This funding is received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and awarded to the Las Vegas Metro Police Department and made available to agencies across the State. These funds will be used to cover overtime, investigative, and travel expenses for participation of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in the Major Crime Unit as part of the Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force.

The award for the state of Nevada as a whole is \$3,489,680.00. Of that, an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 is available for use by the Northern Nevada Major Crimes Unit. This is not awarded as a sub-grant. The funding is made available to Nevada for task force operations. North Las Vegas Metro Police Department is the designated fiscal agent and prepares the reimbursement claims for task force operations.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program in the dismantling and disruption of drug trafficking organizations. Washoe County became part of Northern Nevada HIDTA Task Force in the fall of 2006, when the Board formally approved the Washoe County Sheriff's participation by way of interlocal agreement on November 13, 2006.

Las Vegas Metro Police Department acts as the fiscal agent and administers the State of Nevada HIDTA grant award. This is a new program with HIDTA, and the \$90,000.00 will fund overtime and investigative expenses incurred while conducting highway, bus and train drug interdiction and travel expenses for HIDTA related training and/or meetings. Reason for retroactive submittal: Item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once documents were received and processed.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program*

Scope of the Project: *The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Increase safety and security of the community.*

On-Going Program Support: *Washoe County Sheriff's Office will continue dedicating deputies to the HIDTA task force.*

Award Amount: *Up to \$90,000.00*

Grant Period: *1/1/18-12/31/19*

Funding Source: *United States Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)*

Pass Through Entity: *Las Vegas Metro PD*

CFDA Number: *95.001*

Grant ID Number: *G18NV0001A – Task Force*

Match Amount and Type: *None*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *None*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY19 budget will be increased by \$90,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Increase Revenues

11575 - 431100 (HIDTA Major Crimes Unit/ATAC-Federal Grants) \$90,000.00

Increase Expenditures

11575 - 701300 (HIDTA Major Crimes Unit/ATAC -Overtime) \$60,000.00

11575 - 711210 (HIDTA Major Crimes Unit/ATAC –Travel) \$10,000.00

11575 – 710852 (HIDTA Major Crimes Unit/ATAC – Investigative Funds) \$20,000.00

There is no cash match required for this grant funding. This is reimbursement based funding.

- *No match required*
- *Funds will be drawn as a reimbursement*
 - *General funds are source of the upfront cash*
- *No indirect costs*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve acceptance of 2018 HIDTA Northern Nevada Major Crimes Unit/ATAC funding [amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, no County match required] to be used for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses from High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department, for the retroactive grant period of 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2019, and direct 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 approve acceptance of 2018 HIDTA Northern Nevada Major Crimes Unit/ATAC funding [amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, no County match required] to be used for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses from High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department, for the retroactive grant period of 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2019, and direct Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”