



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 12, 2019

DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2019
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Captain Max Brokaw, 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 \$42,035.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2019 project number 19-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit for the purchase of equipment and forensic software for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and 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 Department of Public Safety, 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 Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, and Homeland Security has awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office funding for the purchase of equipment and software for the Special Operations Unit. The equipment and software 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: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

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,

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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.

October 13, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 5.F.2, the Sheriff's Office recommendation to approve a sub grant award [\$134,100.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FFY 2015, Project number 97067HL5, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for Cyber Security. Grant term is retroactive from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

October 14, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 16, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a sub grant award (\$205,238.00), no match required, from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FFY 2014, Project number 97067HL4, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for Cyber Security. Grant term is retroactive from September 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016.

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

BACKGROUND

On October 1, 2019, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office received notification it had been awarded a grant from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management for the purchase of equipment and forensic software 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. Cyber events involving security breaches usually evolve into criminal acts. Areas addressed include cyber forensics and cyber intrusion prevention. The majority of funding received will be used to address gaps in cyber defense and increasing the understanding of cyber threats and mitigation actions.

Reason for retroactive submittal: Item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once paperwork was received and processed.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Cybersecurity - Maintain

Scope of the Project: Purchase of Equipment and Software

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increase safety

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$42,035.00

Grant Period: 09/01/2019 – 08/31/2021

Funding Source: Nevada Department of Public Safety

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Division of Emergency Management

CFDA Number: 97067

Grant ID Number: 19-3000

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 FY20 Sheriff’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$42,035.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO-11637 FY19 DEM CYBER	431100 – Federal Grants	\$42,035.00
IO-11637 FY19 DEM CYBER	711504 – Equipment-NonCapital	\$5,097.00
IO-11637 FY19 DEM CYBER	711509-Computer Software NonCapital	\$36,938.00

- No Match
- Reimbursement
 - Upfront cash from General Funds

- No indirect costs expenses were included in the submitted grant requests. All funds awarded through the grant will be directed to meet the specific project goals and enhance public safety.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$42,035.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2019 project number 19-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit for the purchase of equipment and forensic software for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and 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 \$42,035.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2019 project number 19-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit for the purchase of equipment and forensic software for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."