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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 12, 2019

DATE: Tuesday, November 05, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, and recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, in an amount not to exceed [\$719,183] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget.
(All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee was created with the intent to develop a plan for the enhancement of the County's 911 emergency response system and make recommendations to the County Commission concerning the expenditures of the money collected through the telephone line surcharge provided for by the Nevada State Legislature.

The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee has recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the reimbursement of associated and allowable costs related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System; contractual costs for body worn and vehicular recording devices; travel and training for 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) staff; on-going salary reimbursement for City of Reno and City of Sparks staff to provide GIS support; and other miscellaneous technology purchases related to regional PSAP operations. The specific requests are summarized in the table below. Agency reimbursements are not disbursed unless the requesting agency provides proper documentation (receipts, paid invoices, etc.).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

Agency	Reimbursement		Application (911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee Action Date/Agenda Item #)	Cost Center
	Amount	(Not to Exceed)		
Washoe County		\$96,480.00	Hardware and network equipment related to Axon in-vehicle camera implementation (9/19/19, #7)	800802
		\$227,889.00	Axon Contract year three. Body-worn and in-vehicle cameras (9/19/19, #8)	800802
		\$17,000.00	Travel and Training - International Academy of Emergency Dispatching (9/19/19, #12)	800801
		\$7,000.00	Travel and Training - National Emergency Number Association (9/19/19, #13)	800801
		\$7,500.00	Travel and Training - Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (9/19/19, #11)	800801
		\$20,000.00	International Academy of Emergency Dispatching, Emergency Service Plan Platinum Package (9/19/19, #17)	800801
Washoe County		\$4,000.00	Dispatch call taking equipment including headsets and Push to talk (PTT) adapters and associated accessories (9/19/19, #18)	800801
		\$1,100.00	PSAP Radio console accessories (9/19/19, #19)	800801
		\$10,000.00	Code Red - Reverse 911 license for FY20 (9/19/19, #21)	800801
Total		\$390,969.00		
City of Reno		\$5,000.00	Travel and Training - Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (9/19/19, #16)	800801
		\$175,212.00	GIS Salary reimbursement (1/17/19, #7)	800801
Total		\$180,212.00		
City of Sparks		\$33,871.00	Hardware and network equipment related to Axon Body-worn camera implementation (9/19/19, #9)	800802
		\$5,500.00	Travel and Training - Navigator Conference (9/19/19, #14)	800801
		\$5,400.00	Travel and Training - National Emergency Number Association (9/19/19, #15)	800801
		\$103,231.00	GIS Salary reimbursement (1/17/19, #7)	800801
Total		\$148,002.00		
Grand Total		\$719,183.00		

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 25, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno [\$428,776.40], the City of Sparks [\$203,243.32], and departments of Washoe County [\$521,357.30] for expenses related to and in support of the respective Portable Event Recording Device programs as approved by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee on May 16, 2019.

On March 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved the utilization of funds from the Emergency 911 fund to reimburse the City of Reno [\$125,475] for expenses related to implementation of Emergency Fire Dispatch services; reimburse the City of Sparks [\$178,134.30] for expenses related to implementation of body-worn and in-vehicle camera technologies; and to purchase three (3) Harris Symphony Dispatch Consoles [\$139,443.65] for the Washoe County Regional Communications Center.

On October 9, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the travel and training budget request for training and travel, subject to E911 approval, for each of the three (3) primary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to attend Public Safety Training Courses in an amount not to exceed [\$55,000] for travel and not to exceed [\$45,000] for seminars and training for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

On October 9, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved utilization of funds from the Emergency 911 fund for reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, City of Sparks and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and approved by the E911 Committee in an amount not to exceed [\$2,945,612] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as specified within the adopted E911 Fund's operating budget.

The Board has approved the use of the Enhanced 911 Fund for various reimbursements of travel and training related to public safety training, subject to approval by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, consistently since 2010.

BACKGROUND

NRS 244A.7645 authorizes the utilization of 911 surcharge funds to enhance the telephone system for reporting an emergency and for purchasing and maintaining portable event recording devices.

NRS 244A.7645(3)(a)(2) provides, in part, that E911 funds "must be used only... [to pay] costs for personnel and training associated with the routine maintenance and updating of the database for the system." In the past, the Washoe County District Attorney's staff has advised the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee that it must articulate a nexus between proposed training and the stated purpose of the statute (supporting software database maintenance and call taking), in which case, the expenditure of surcharge funds for such training would be permissible. Here, the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee has determined that such a nexus exists and recommends approval of the training. Travel may be included as "costs" of training.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget has sufficient budget authority in the Enhanced 911 Fund (208) in Enhanced 911 Admin (800801), Software Maintenance (710210), Payments to Other Agencies (710400), Seminars and Meetings (710509) and Travel (711210); and, in Enhanced 911 Fund E911 Public Safety Cameras (800802), Payments to Other Agencies (710400).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, and recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, in an amount not to exceed [\$719,183] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, and recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, in an amount not to exceed [\$719,183] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget."