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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020

DATE: Thursday, November 05, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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On behalf of the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Christine Vuletich, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, departments of Washoe County, and the Washoe County School District 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 on October 8th 2020, in an amount not to exceed [\$951,354.58] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget. For Possible Action. (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; and other miscellaneous hardware and software technology purchases related to regional PSAP operations. The specific requests are summarized in Table 1. 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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Table 1

Agency	Reimbursement amount (Not to Exceed)	Application (911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee Action Date/Agenda Item #)	Cost Center
Washoe County	\$7,500.00	Certifications EMD/EPD/efd (10/8/20, #5a)	800801
	\$8,000.00	Navigator Conference 2021 (10/8/20, #5b)	800801
	\$9,000.00	NENA Conference 2021 (10/8/20, #5c)	800801
	\$12,000.00	Central Square Conference (10/8/20 #10)	800801
	\$34,560.00	Dispatch software ProQA, Emergency Service Plan (10/8/20, #12)	800801
	\$12,056.00	Body-worn camera SWAT upgrades (10/8/20, #9)	800802
	\$227,889.00	Axon Body-worn camera contract – year four (10/8/20, #7)	800802
	\$359,573.00	Axon Body-worn contract amendment year 2 (10/8/20 #8)	800802
	\$10,000.00	CodeRed Reverse 911 expansion (10/8/20 #5d)	800801
	\$96,480.00	Axon Body-worn Fleet contract – year three (7/16/20 #5)	800802
	Total	\$777,058.00	
City of Sparks	\$9,400.00	Laptops for remote dispatch operations (10/8/20, #5e)	800801
	\$14,750.48	Fleet cameras (10/8/20, #6)	800802
Total	\$24,150.48		
City of Reno	\$150,000.00	CAD RFP Consultant (11/21/19, #8)	800801
WCSD	\$146.10	Body worn Camera equipment (10/8/20, #5f)	800802
Grand Total	\$951,354.58		

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 8, 2020, the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approved recommendations for reimbursement from 911 telephone surcharge funds for the items set forth in Table 1 above.

On June 16, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved 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 [\$1,784,260.10].

On February 25, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno [\$1,255.95], the City of Sparks [\$254,876.00], Washoe County School District [\$54,984.00], and departments of Washoe County [\$72,154.22] for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable and vehicular event recording devices, and recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, for a total amount not to exceed [\$383,270.17].

On November 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved 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, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, in an amount not to exceed [\$719,183].

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

FY21 has sufficient budget authority for the FY20 and FY21 agency reimbursement requests in the Enhanced 911 Fund (208), Enhanced 911 Admin (800801) and E911 Public Safety Cameras (800802):

Agency	Cost Center	FY21
City of Reno	800801	\$ 150,000.00
Washoe County School District	800802	\$ 146.10
City of Sparks	800801	\$ 9,400.00
	800802	\$ 14,750.48
City of Sparks total		\$ 24,150.48
Washoe County	800801	\$ 81,060.00
	800802	\$ 695,998.00
Washoe County Total		\$ 777,058.00
Grand Total		\$ 951,354.58

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, departments of Washoe County, and the Washoe County School District 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 [\$951,354.58] 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, departments of Washoe County, and the Washoe County School District 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 [\$951,354.58] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund’s operating budget.”