



WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *January 16, 2024*

DATE: November 29, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a FFY23 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) awarding [\$89,183.67, no County match required], for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache. Grant term is retroactive from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025; If approved, authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item recommends that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (the board) approve a FFY 2023 DHS grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from the NDEM for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache awarding [\$89,183.67, no County match required]. Grant term is retroactive to October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025.

The grant will provide funding to retire the current XP-75P model radios and replace the cache with the new XL-200P radios.

The State issued this award retroactive from the date they received DHS funding.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts
Support a Thriving Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

October 13, 2015 - Recommendation to approve a 2015 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for \$99,979.45 for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache; retroactive from September

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01, 2015 through August 31, 2017; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

May 14, 2013 - Recommendation to approve a 2010 Department of Homeland Security grant, State Homeland Security Program for accessories for the regional radio cache in the amount of \$17,655.00, no County match required, grant term April 5, 2013 through June 30, 2013; and direct the Finance Department to make the necessary budget adjustments.

BACKGROUND

Communications interoperability is difficult in Nevada because of numerous jurisdictions and vast geographic areas covered by responder agencies. The Northern Nevada Radio Cache serves a vast area of Northern Nevada. The Washoe County Regional Communications System is currently in the process of changing from an EDACS to a P25 radio system. In addition to changing the System along with the mountaintop radios, the XP-75P model radios will require upgrading to the XL-200P radios. The purchase of this portable radio cache supports the State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) and provides communications redundancy in the event of an emergency to provide surge capability.

The Washoe Regional Homeland Security Radio Cache supports training, exercising, responding to, and recovering from acts of terrorism. All regional partners are able to access the cache at any time in support of those activities.

This grant requires no match.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *2023 SHSP Radios*

Scope of the Project: *The Washoe County Regional Communications System is currently in the process of changing from an EDACS to a P25 radio system. In addition to changing the System along with the mountaintop radios, the XP-75P model radios will require upgrading to the XL-200P radios. The goal of this project is to retire the old XP-75P model radios and replace the cache with the new XL-200P radios.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *The benefit of this funding is to increase interoperable communications to for the protection of life and property in the region from hazards and disasters.*

On-Going Program Support: *If additional program support is needed past the enhancement phase, we will continue to seek grant funding.*

Award Amount: *\$89,183.67*

Grant Period: *October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025*

Funding Source: *Department of Homeland Security*

Pass Through Entity: *Nevada Division of Emergency Management*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 97.067

Grant ID Number: EMW-2023-SS-00044

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *Radio purchases will follow the County’s competitive bid process, and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Guidance.*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY24 Office of the County Manager adopted budget will be increased by \$89,183.67 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
FY23 SHSP Radios – Federal Grant	19165 - 431100	\$89,183.67
Expenditures:		
FY23 SHSP Radios - Equipment – Non-Capital	19165 - 711504	\$89,183.67

Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a FFY 2023 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) awarding [\$89,183.67, no County match required], for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache. Grant term is retroactive from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025. If approved, authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; 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 the recommendation to approve a FFU 2023 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) awarding [\$89,183.67, no*

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