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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 28, 2019

DATE: Wednesday, April 23, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jose Armando Avina, Lieutenant, Administrative Bureau
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the Agreement between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Trauma Intervention Programs of Northern Nevada, Inc. (TIP) in the amount of [\$8,300.00, no charge to the County] for providing trauma intervention and victim advocacy assistance to the Sheriff's Office for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Sheriff's Office requests approval of this 3-year agreement with Trauma Intervention Programs of Northern Nevada, Inc. (TIP), in the amount of \$8,300.00 annually for FY's 19/20, 20/21, 21/22, for TIP to assist the Sheriff's Office in responding to traumatic incidents and events.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations and Unified Team/Employee Engagement

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 18, 2018, the Board approved an Agreement with TIP for trauma intervention services.

BACKGROUND

TIP is a non-profit organization that serves our community. Since 2009, TIP volunteers have provided over 233,474 volunteer hours to our local communities in Northern Nevada. TIP Volunteers are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Since 2009, TIP volunteers, in assisting the Sheriff's Office, have responded to 695 calls for service. Our Sheriff's Deputies ask these volunteers to assist:

- family members and friends following a natural or unexpected death;
- victims of violent crime including rape, assault, robbery, or burglary;

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- victims of fire;
- disoriented or lonely elderly persons;
- people involved in motor vehicle accidents; and
- people who are distraught and seeking immediate support; and survivors of suicide.

TIP traditionally receives donations, through a variety of events and solicitation, to satisfy its annual operating costs. Recently, a large local-benefactor moved out of the area, and TIP has since struggled to meet its operating costs and also provide the level of service expected. This has been a national issue for TIP. As a result, TIP affiliates have been seeking support from local governmental entities benefitting from TIP services.

The requested contract amount is based on a per capita formulation of \$0.12, calculated on a Washoe County population of 110,846 (per state demographer).

The total amount is being split with the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, which has dedicated \$5,000.00 annually. The \$8,300.00/annual request for these services will greatly benefit our County. For example, just one Victim Advocate FTE, which is the traditional method of providing this function, would create a financial impact in salary and benefits of over \$100,000.00 annually.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this Agreement there will be no additional fiscal impact to the Sheriff's Office FY20 proposed budget as sufficient budget authority exists within the State Forfeiture internal order 20000. State Forfeiture fund expenditures are authorized at the Sheriff's authority in accordance with NRS 179.1187.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Agreement between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Trauma Intervention Programs of Northern Nevada, Inc. (TIP) in the amount of [\$8,300.00, no charge to the County] for providing trauma intervention and victim advocacy assistance to the Sheriff's Office for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board approve the Staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the Agreement between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Trauma Intervention Programs of Northern Nevada, Inc. (TIP) in the amount of [\$8,300.00, no charge to the County] for providing trauma intervention and victim advocacy assistance to the Sheriff's Office for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.”