



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 14, 2021

DATE: Thursday, September 09, 2021
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Justin Norton, Operations Manager, Regional Medical Examiner's Office
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THROUGH: Dr. Laura D. Knight, Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept grant funding [\$97,603 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for personnel, operating, travel, and toxicology expenses relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program, retroactive from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This grant will allow for paid staff time (including fringe and benefits), operating, travel, and toxicology expenses to investigate drug-related deaths and input data into the Overdose to Action (OD2A) system. This is the third year the Regional Medical Examiner's Office has received this grant.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

October 24, 2017 – Board action to create full time Medicolegal Data Specialist position
December 12, 2017 – Board action to approve SUDORS grant funding of \$79,914 for FY18 and FY19
August 28, 2018 – Board action to approve SUDORS grant funding of \$79,914 for FY19 and FY20
October 8, 2019 – Board acceptance of OD2A grant funding of \$90,000 for FY20 and FY21
November 10, 2020 – Board acceptance of OD2A grant funding of \$81,315 for FY21 and FY22

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The grant is retroactive from September 1, 2021 due to not receiving the grant award paperwork from the State of Nevada until late-August 2021.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Overdose to Action (OD2A)

Scope of the Project: Provides for personnel, operating, expanded toxicology testing, and travel expenses to investigate drug-related deaths and receive training for such investigations

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program creates a detailed data repository for drug-related deaths with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This data can be used by law enforcement, health agencies, etc. to better understand the root causes of such deaths which will lead to better prevention and treatment programs.

On-Going Program Support: This is the third year of the program created by the federal government and will continue as long as grant funding is available.

Award Amount: \$97,603.00

Grant Period: September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

Funding Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

CFDA Number: 93.136

Grant ID Number: NU17CE925001

Match Amount and Type: No match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: No sub-awards or contracts

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for this grant will be reimbursed to Washoe County from the State of Nevada after they are incurred. The Regional Medical Examiner's Office has sufficient budget to pay the expenses until reimbursement occurs. No match is required for this grant. Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as required by OD2A grant program statutory authorization. As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the position abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured. Should the board accept this grant award, the Fiscal Year 2022 adopted budget for the Regional Medical Examiner's Office will be increased by \$97,603.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11890	431100 – Federal Grants	\$97,603.00
IO 11890	711210 – Travel	\$2,913.00
IO 11890	701412 – Salary Adjustment	\$30,000.00
IO 11890	705360 – Benefit Adjustment	\$14,290.00
IO 11890	710350 – Office Supplies	\$400.00
IO 11890	710104 – Toxicology	\$50,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept grant funding [\$97,603 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for personnel, operating, travel, and toxicology expenses relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program, retroactive from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner’s Office to sign the award and approve amendments, 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 grant funding [\$97,603 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for personnel, operating, travel, and toxicology expenses relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program, retroactive from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner’s Office to sign the award and approve amendments, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”