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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

DATE: July 17, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management in the amount of $225,000.00 (requires a 25% County match in the amount of $75,000.00); Grant Term: Retroactive from August 14, 2017 – March 22, 2021; If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and authorize the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners is requested to approve the acceptance of a 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management to update to the Washoe County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Washoe County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program will use the funds to hire a consultant through the RFP process to lead the region though the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Update process. It is a requirement that this plan is updated every 5 years to remain eligible for future grant funding. This update will allow the jurisdictions to remain in compliance with FEMA directives while sustaining and improving regional mitigation actions. This process will validate ongoing actions, examine and confirm successful mitigation projects, determine what actions will encourage the completion of remaining projects, and focus the region on newly identified mitigation planning gaps such as closed basin flooding. The Board has previously accepted similar Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant awards to Washoe County.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

February 26, 2008 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted the 2007 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant from State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management,

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[$38,406.75 with County match of $12,802.25]; and directed the Finance Department to make appropriate budget adjustments.

June 17, 2014 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted the 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management, [$110,000.00 with County match of $27,500.00]; and directed the Finance Department to make appropriate budget adjustments.

BACKGROUND

To remain in compliance with the requirements of 44 C.F.R. Part 201 and FEMA/DHS regulations (DMA 2000 Sec. 322) it is a requirement to update the Washoe County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. This project will update, standardize and consolidate data to ensure that the region has a comprehensive approach to hazard mitigation that continues to create synergy and unity of effort. The jurisdictions included are Washoe County, Cities of Reno and Sparks, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and the Truckee River Flood Management Agency (TRFMA). To support this effort the federal government decided to repurpose and award mitigation funds from FFY-17. Although retroactive, FEMA/DHS understands that the project will not begin until fall 2018.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant*

Scope of the Project: *Hire a consultant, through the RFP process, to update the Washoe County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *The benefit of this funding is to update, standardize and consolidate data to ensure that the region has a comprehensive approach to hazard mitigation.*

On-Going Program Support: *This grant is for a plan update. We will continue to seek grant funding for any future updates.*

Award Amount: *$225,000.00*

Grant Period: *August 14, 2017 through March 22, 2021*

Funding Source: *FEMA*

Pass Through Entity: *Nevada Division of Emergency Management*

CFDA Number: *97.047*

Grant ID Number: *PDMC-PL-09-NV-2017-001*

Match Amount and Type: *25% Match Requirement. $75,000.00 ($40,000 in-kind services provided by the Washoe County Geographic Information System (GIS),*

Engineering, and various departmental staff to participate in the plan development process; and $35,000 from Washoe County General Fund).

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *N/A*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by $225,000 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
IO 11495	431100 – Federal Grant	225,000.00
Expenditures:		
IO 11495	710100 – Professional Services	225,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board Accept a 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant awarding for $225,000.00 from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management; retroactive from August 14, 2017 through March 22, 2021; If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and authorize the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"Move to accept a 2017Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant awarding [$225,000 ($75,000 County match required)]; retroactive from August 14, 2017 through March 22, 2021; If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and authorize the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments."