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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 13, 2026

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Samuel Van Der Wall, Detective Sergeant, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), Sex Offender Notification Unit (SONU), and Hostage Negotiations Team (HNT)
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Northern Nevada Child Exploitation Task Force (NNCETF) grant award [\$44,310.50, no County match required] as administered from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for reimbursement of overtime costs directly related to activities in conjunction with the FBI NNCETF for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the Northern Nevada Child Exploitation Task Force (NNCETF) grant award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Per County policy, the Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

These funds from the FBI will be used to reimburse Washoe County Sheriff's Office for overtime costs incurred by deputies assigned to work full time on the FBI NNCETF on activities that are directly associated with the task force. This amount is not to exceed \$22,155.25 for each officer assigned full-time to the FBI NNCETF, which represents the Federal FY26 maximum overtime allowance for one full-time employee. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office currently has two full-time FBI NNCETF officers associated with this funding bringing the total to \$44,310.50, no match required.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations:
Support vulnerable populations with a regional approach

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 7.D.7, \$41,415.00 of Federal FY24 Northern Nevada Child Exploitation Task Force (NNCETF) funding as administered through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for overtime costs incurred in relation to the NNCETF for the retroactive period of October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023.

On May 16, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 6.D.8, \$19,840.75 of Federal FY23 NNCETF funding as administered through the FBI for overtime costs incurred in relation to the NNCETF for the retroactive period of October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023.

On January 26, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 6.E.3, \$19,180.25 of NNCETF funding as administered through the FBI for overtime costs incurred in relation to the NNCETF for the retroactive period of October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021.

On February 25, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 8.E.4, \$18,649.00 of NNCETF funding as administered through the FBI for overtime costs incurred in relation to the NNCETF for the retroactive period of October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020.

The Board has accepted NNCETF awards on behalf of the Sheriff's Office since 2013.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office strives to establish collaborations with various local, state, and federal agencies. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recognizes the cooperation received from our agency and has authorized reimbursement for the overtime expenses incurred by deputies assigned full time to their Northern Nevada Child Exploitation Task Force (NNCETF) while working on task force activities.

This grant will pay for overtime costs incurred by deputies assigned to work full time on the FBI NNCETF on activities that are directly associated with the task force for the duration of the grant period.

Reason for retroactive submittal: Item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once documents were received and processed.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Northern Nevada Child Exploitation Task Force (NNCETF)*

Scope of the Project: *Various law enforcement activities associated with the NNCETF*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Increased resources dedicated to the investigation of child exploitation crimes.*

On-Going Program Support: *N/A*

Award Amount: *\$44,310.50*

Grant Period: *October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026*

Funding Source: *Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)*

Pass Through Entity: *None*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *16.000*

Grant ID Number: *N/A*

Match Amount and Type: *None*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *None*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Washoe County Sheriff's Office adopted budget will be increased by \$44,310.50 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO 12626 – FY26 FBI Child Exploitation Task Force	431100 – Federal Grants	\$44,310.50
IO 12626 – FY26 FBI Child Exploitation Task Force	701300 – Overtime	\$44,310.50

- No match required
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Northern Nevada Child Exploitation Task Force (NNCETF) grant award [\$44,310.50, no County match required] as administered from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for reimbursement of overtime costs directly related to activities in conjunction with the FBI NNCETF for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Northern Nevada Child Exploitation Task Force (NNCETF) grant award [\$44,310.50, no County match required] as administered from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for reimbursement of overtime costs directly related to activities in conjunction with the FBI NNCETF for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."