



# WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** February 27, 2024

**DATE:** January 22, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a FFY 2022 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 [\$46,666.00, no County match required], for the Situational Awareness & Communications Platform Project. Grant term is retroactive from September 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024; 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

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### SUMMARY

This item recommends that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (the board) approve a FFY 2022 DHS grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from the NDEM for the Situational Awareness & Communications Platform Project awarding [\$46,666.00, no County match required]. Grant term is retroactive to September 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024.

The grant will maintain the pilot program of enhancing situational awareness, increasing citizen preparedness and strengthening operational communications.

The grant is retroactive due to de-obligated FFY 2022 SHSP grants funds becoming available.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board has accepted Homeland Security Grant Awards for the past 12 years.

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

**January 16, 2024** - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$89,183.67 for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache.

**December 19, 2023** - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount of \$197,888.36 for the Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government project.

**December 13, 2022** - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$123,948.00 for the Animal Shelter Trailers Project.

**December 13, 2022** - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$185,000.00 for the Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government project.

**December 14, 2021** - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$75,000.00 to continue funding of one (1) existing Program Assistant position within Emergency Management.

**December 14, 2021** - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$180,000.00 for the Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government project.

### **BACKGROUND**

During disasters, situational awareness can be difficult. The Situational Awareness & Communications Platform Project will enhance situational awareness by both responders and the public to ensure the right actions are being taken given the situation. This project will increase citizens' preparedness for disasters, strengthen operational coordination among responders, and will increase information sharing in public information and warning.

This grant requires no match.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:**     *2022 SHSP Situational Awareness & Communication Platform*

**Scope of the Project:**     *The grant will maintain the pilot program of enhancing situational awareness, increasing citizen preparedness and strengthening operational communications.*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *The benefit of this funding is to enhance situational awareness, increase citizen preparedness and strengthen operational communication 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:** \$46,666.00

**Grant Period:** September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024

**Funding Source:** Department of Homeland Security

**Pass Through Entity:** Nevada Division of Emergency Management

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** 97.067.22-3000

**Grant ID Number:** EMW-2022-SS-00019

**Match Amount and Type:** N/A

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *Platform 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 FY 24 Office of the County Manager adopted budget will be increased by \$46,666.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Emergency Management – Federal Grant	IO 12334 - 431100	\$46,666.00
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Emergency Management – Professional Services	IO 12334 - 710100	\$46,666.00

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 2022 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 [\$46,666.00, no County match required], for the Situational Awareness & Communications Platform Project. Grant term is retroactive from September 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024; 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 FFY22 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 [\$46,666.00, no County match required], for the Situational Awareness & Communications Platform Project. Grant term is retroactive from September 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024; 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.*