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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

DATE: September 11, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Francisco Ceballos, Emergency Management Program Coordinator
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

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, Office of Emergency Management (NVOEM) awarding [\$50,036.00, no County match required], for licensing to advanced modeling software. Grant term is retroactive to September 1, 2022, through January 31, 2026. If approved, authorize the County Manager or their designee, to sign the grant award documents and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Manager. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to accept a FFY 2022 DHS grant passed through the SHSP from the NVOEM [\$50,036.00, no County match required]; for licensing to an advanced modeling software. Grant term is retroactive to September 1, 2022, through January 31, 2026.

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant is used to help fund advanced traffic and fire modeling software in order to better plan and prepare our community for evacuations.

The State of Nevada, Office of Emergency Management has provided this grant award to Washoe County for more than 14 years.

This 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

December 17, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$166,000.00.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

December 17, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$191,765.83.

May 21, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$6,288.08.

February 27, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$46,666.00.

December 19, 2023 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$197,888.36.

December 13, 2022 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$185,000.00.

December 14, 2021 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$180,000.00.

December 8, 2020 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2020 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$195,000.00.

November 12, 2019 – The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2019 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$125,000.00.

November 13, 2018 – The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2018 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$150,000.00.

December 12, 2017 – The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$115,000.00.

October 13, 2015 – The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2015 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$70,000.00.

BACKGROUND

Advanced modeling software plays a vital role in Nevada's homeland security by improving disaster preparedness, evacuation planning, and interagency coordination. These tools help predict fire spread, assess infrastructure impacts, and support public health responses. Their integration aligns with Homeland Security Grant Program priorities and strengthens Washoe County's overall emergency response and resilience.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FFY 2022 SHSP Swift Exit: Modeling Software*

Scope of the Project: *It captures the core goal of enhancing preparedness, coordination, and response across multiple emergency scenarios*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *This grant will benefit in disaster preparedness, evacuation planning, and interagency coordination to better serve the residents of Washoe County*

On-Going Program Support: *Licensing will not be renewed and access will be discontinued once funding is fully expended, unless additional grant funding is secured.*

Award Amount: \$50,036.00

Grant Period: September 1, 2022, through January 31, 2026

Funding Source: Department of Homeland Security

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Office of Emergency Management

CFDA Number: 97.067

Grant ID Number: EMW-2022-SS-0019-S01

Match Amount and Type: No County match required

Sub-Awards and Contracts:

Platform purchases will follow the County's 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, FY26 Emergency Management budget will be increased [\$50,036.00] in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Licensing will not be renewed, and access will be discontinued once funding is fully expended, unless additional grant funding is secured.

Description	Cost Object - G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
Emergency Management: FFY 2022 SHSP Swift Exit: Modeling Software – State Grant	IO 12585 - 432100	\$50,036.00
Expenditures:		
Emergency Management: FFY 2022 SHSP Swift Exit: Modeling Software – Professional Services	IO 12585 - 710100	\$50,036.00

All expenditures will be on a reimbursement basis. Initial funding will be provided by general fund. Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant 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, Office of Emergency Management (NVOEM) awarding [\$50,036.00, no County match required], for licensing to an advanced modeling software. Grant term is retroactive to September 1, 2022, through January 31, 2026. If approved, authorize the County Manager or their designee, to sign the sign the grant award documents 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 FFY 2022 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from the State of Nevada, Office of Emergency Management (NVOEM) awarding [\$50,036.00, no County match required], for licensing to an advanced modeling software. Grant term is retroactive to September 1, 2022, through January 31, 2026. If approved, authorize the County Manager or their designee, to sign the sign the grant award documents and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”