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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 28, 2023

DATE: Tuesday, November 21, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Steven Johnson, Forensic Science Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve additional funding to the 2022 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Northern Nevada Investigative Support Center [in awarded amounts \$10,000.00, \$1,000.00 and \$1,800.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,800.00, no County match required] to be used for the necessary furniture, fixtures, computer equipment, software, email access, desk phone utilized by the newly added Northern Nevada Lab Technician while stationed in the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center, and Washoe County employee travel to Las Vegas for the 2023 conference administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department for the retroactive period of September 11, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

This funding is received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and awarded to the Las Vegas Metro Police Department and made available to agencies across the State. These funds will be used to cover necessary furniture, fixtures, computer equipment, software, email access, desk phone to be utilized by the newly added Northern Nevada Lab Technician while stationed in the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center as well as travel for Washoe County employees to attend the 2023 Ladies in Leadership in Law Enforcement Summit and the NIBIN program collaboration.

Las Vegas Metro Police Department is the designated fiscal agent and prepares the reimbursement claims for task force operations for the federal funding awarded to the State of Nevada. The total amount not to exceed \$12,800.00 is available for use by the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center. The funding is made available to Washoe County Sheriff's Office to support the new Northern Nevada Lab Technician position and travel for Washoe County employees provided by Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Efficient Delivery of Regional Services and Supports a Thriving Community.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 16, 2023, the Board approved item # 6D4, 2022 HIDTA Northern Nevada Investigative Support Center funding [amount not to exceed \$9,000.00, no County match required] to be used for the necessary furniture, fixtures, computer equipment, software, email access, and desk phone the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Analyst.

BACKGROUND

The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program in the dismantling and disruption of drug trafficking organizations.

Washoe County became part of Northern Nevada HIDTA Task Force in the fall of 2006, when the Board formally approved the Washoe County Sheriff's participation by way of interlocal agreement on November 13, 2006.

Las Vegas Metro Police Department acts as the fiscal agent and administers the State of Nevada HIDTA award. This is a HIDTA paid employee and is a part of the Northern Regional Intelligence Center, housed in the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division. The funding will provide for the office equipment needed to support the position and HIDTA approved non-county employee travel expenses. The funding will also allow Washoe County employees to attend the 2023 Ladies in Leadership in Law Enforcement Summit and the NIBIN program collaboration.

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

AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *2022 HIDTA – Investigative Support Center*

Scope of the Project: *The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Increase safety and security of the community.*

On-Going Program Support: *Washoe County Sheriff's Office will continue dedicating deputies to the HIDTA task force.*

Award Amount: *\$12,800.00*

Grant Period: 9/11/2023-6/30/2024

Funding Source: United States Office of National Drug Control Policy
(ONDCP)

Pass Through Entity: Las Vegas Metro Police Department

CFDA Number: 95.001

Grant ID Number: G22NV0001A – Investigative Support Center

Match Amount and Type: None

Sub-Awards and Contracts: None

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this award, the adopted FY24 budget will be increased by \$12,800.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12165	431100-Federal Grants	\$ 12,800.00
IO-12165	711504-Equipment Non-capital	\$ 8,000.00
IO-12165	710350-Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
IO-12165	711210-Travel	\$ 2,800.00

- No match required.
- Funds will be drawn as a reimbursement.
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this award as no salary or wages are included in the budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve additional funding to the 2022 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Northern Nevada Investigative Support Center funding [amounts awarded \$10,000.00, \$1,000.00 and \$1,800.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,800.00, no County match required] to be used for the necessary furniture, fixtures, computer equipment, software, email access, desk phone to be utilized by the newly added Northern Nevada Lab Technician while stationed in the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center as well as travel for Washoe County employees to attend the 2023 Ladies in Leadership in Law Enforcement Summit and the NIBIN program collaboration as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department for the retroactive period of September 11, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and direct 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 approve additional funding to the 2022 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Northern Nevada Investigative Support Center funding [amounts awarded \$10,000.00, \$1,000.00 and \$1,800.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,800.00, no County match required] to be used for the necessary furniture, fixtures, computer equipment, software, email access, desk phone to be utilized by the newly added Northern Nevada Lab Technician while stationed in the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center as well as travel for Washoe County employees to attend the 2023 Ladies in Leadership in Law Enforcement Summit and the NIBIN program collaboration as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department for the retroactive period of September 11, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."