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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 8, 2025

DATE: March 6, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Joshua Jenkins, Lieutenant, Washoe County Sheriff's Office
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$75,666.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2024 project number 97067.24, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) for the purchase of software enhancements for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, through the Department of Homeland Security. Per county policy, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

The Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, and Homeland Security has awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office funding for the purchase of software enhancements for the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC). The enhanced software will provide broader access to intelligence gathering as well as the sharing of information.

Washoe County Sheriff's Office Strategic Pillars & Goals supported by this item:
Leverage Technology

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

December 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7.D.4., the Sheriff's Office request to accept a grant award (\$110,422.00, no match required) from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FY23, Project number 97067.23, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) for the purchase of software license renewals.

December 13, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #9.F.4, the Sheriff's Office request to accept a grant award (\$100,000, no match required) from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FY22, Project number 97067.22, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) for the purchase of software license renewals.

December 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #10K5, the Sheriff's Office request to accept a grant award (\$75,000.00, no match required) from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FY 21, Project number 97067.21, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center - FUSION (NNRIC) for the purchase of software license renewals.

November 17, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 10.D.2, the Sheriff's Office request to accept a direct grant award (\$140,125.00), no match required, from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FY 20, Project number 97067.20, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center - FUSION (NNRIC) for the purchase of software license renewals.

The Board has accepted direct grant awards from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management for Fusion aka NNCTC aka NNRIC on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office since 2007.

BACKGROUND

The Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management has funded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center's (NNRIC) purchase of enhanced and innovative software, software license renewals, hardware, and training for them, to provide greater access to the intelligence gathering as needed for investigations into cyber threats both foreign and domestic.

NNRIC monitors various forms of communication to identify potential threats to locations, persons or other cyber related threats. They have the ability to quickly investigate their findings or pass the information on to the appropriate investigating agency. The funding will be used to enhance NNRIC's ability to provide needed cyber security.

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

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center - NNRIC

Scope of the Project: Purchase software, software license renewal, hardware, and training.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increase public safety.

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$75,666.00

Grant Period: October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026

Funding Source: Nevada Office of the Military

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Division of Emergency Management

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 97.067

Grant ID Number: 97067.24

Match Amount and Type: No match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Equipment will be purchased using Washoe County grant procurement processes compliant with 2 CFR 200.317-200.326.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY25 Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, adopted budget will be increased by \$75,666.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO 19174 - FY24 DEM NNRIC	431100-Federal Grants	\$75,666.00
IO 19174 - FY24 DEM NNRIC	711509-Computer Software Non Capital	\$75,666.00

- No Match
- Indirect costs are not allowable in 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 Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$75,666.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2024 project number 97067.24, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) for the purchase of software enhancements for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 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 Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$75,666.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2024 project number 97067.24, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) for the purchase of software enhancements for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."