



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 12, 2021

DATE: Thursday, January 07, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kerri Heward, Crime Lab Director
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a pass through grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance 2020 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (FSI), Project No. 20-FSI-04 for [\$77,353.00, no County match requirement] to provide for continued education, training for staff members, associated travel and Opioid analysis supplies in the Forensic Science Division for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents and direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office \$77,353.00 in a pass-through grant award to fund the 2020 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (FSI) grant. The grant will be used to improve quality and timeliness of forensic services through continued education for current and new staff and will provide supplies for Opioid analysis.

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 28, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5D2, the Sheriff's Office request to approve the acceptance of a pass through grant award from State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement [\$54,027.00 no County match requirement].

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On March 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #13, the Sheriff's Office request to approve acceptance of a pass through grant award from State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement [\$177,189.00 with an \$11,285.00 County match requirement].

On January 9, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.K.1, the Sheriff's Office request to approve acceptance of a pass through grant award from State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement [\$48,455.00 no County match requirement].

January 10, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.H.2, the Sheriff's Office request to approve acceptance of a pass through grant award from State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement [\$57,380.00, no County match requirement].

The Board has approved this grant award since December 14, 2010.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division will utilize these funds to improve quality and timeliness of forensic services through continued education for current and new staff. In addition to training and travel, the grant will be used to purchase supplies to for Opioid analysis.

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

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: 2020 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (FSI)

Scope of the Project: Improve quality, timeliness, capacity of forensic services through continued education, training and travel for employees and to purchase supplies for opioid analysis.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increased knowledge and training of Forensic Science personnel.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$77,353.00

Grant Period: 1/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

Funding Source: U. S. Department of Justice

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance

CFDA Number: 16.742

Grant ID Number: 20-FSI-04

Match Amount and Type: None

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Any equipment will be purchased using Washoe County grant procurement processes compliant with 2 CFR 200.317-200.326. Professional services and/or Independent Contract Agreement will be approved by Purchasing within Washoe County grant procurement processes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY21 budget will be increased by \$77,353.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
11798 – FSI 2020	431100 – Federal Grants	\$77,353.00
11798 – FSI 2020	711210 – FSI 2020 Travel	\$17,577.00
11798 – FSI 2020	710300 – FSI 2020 Supplies	\$47,866.00
11798 – FSI 2020	711504 – FSI 2020 Equipment NonCapital	\$5,010.00
11798 – FSI 2020	710509 – FSI 2020 Seminars and Meetings	\$6,900.00

- No Match required.
- Reimbursement
 - Upfront cash from General funds
- *Indirect cost reimbursement was not requested so that 100% of the grant funding can be directed towards enhancing public safety.*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners to approve a pass through grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance 2020 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (FSI), Project No. 20-FSI-04 for [\$77,353.00, no County match requirement] to provide for continued education, training for staff members, associated travel and Opioid analysis supplies in the Forensic Science Division for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents and direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a pass through grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance 2020 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (FSI), Project No. 20-FSI-04 for [\$77,353.00, no County match requirement] to provide for continued education, training for staff members, associated

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