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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 12, 2023

DATE: November 6, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ransford Vawters, Lieutenant Washoe County Sheriff's Office
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to retroactively accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$110,422.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number 97067.23, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) for the purchase of software enhancements for the grant term of October 1st, 2023 through September 30th, 2025 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the Nevada Office of the Military, 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 the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The Nevada Office of the Military, 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 Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

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.

November 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 8.D.4, the Sheriff's Office request to accept a direct grant award (\$53,358.55), no match required, from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FY 19, Project number 19-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center - FUSION (NNRIC) for the purchase of equipment.

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 Office of the Military, 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: \$110,422.00

Grant Period: October 1st, 2023 through September 30th, 2025

Funding Source: Nevada Office of the Military

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Division of Emergency Management

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 97.067

Grant ID Number: EMW-2023-SS-00044

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 FY24 Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, adopted budget will be increased by \$110,422.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
I/O 19162 FY23 DEM NNRIC	431100-Federal Grants	\$110,422
I/O 19162 FY23 DEM NNRIC	711509-Computer Software Non Capital	\$110,422

- No Match
- Reimbursement
- 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 to retroactively accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$110,422.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number 97067.23, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) for the purchase of information and intelligence mapping software for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2023 through September 30th, 2025 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, 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 retroactively accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$110,422.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number 97067.23, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) for the purchase of information and intelligence mapping software for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2023 through September 30th, 2025 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."