



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 8, 2019

DATE: September 9, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Justin Norton, Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office
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THROUGH: Dr. Laura D. Knight, Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept grant funding [\$90,000.00 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor, operating, travel, and toxicology expenses relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program, retroactive from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This grant will allow for paid staff time (including fringe and benefits), operating, travel, and toxicology expenses to investigate drug-related deaths and input data into the Overdose to Action (OD2A) system. This is the first year the Regional Medical Examiner's Office has received this grant. It replaces the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) grants that have been received by the Regional Medical Examiner's Office over the past two years.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

October 24, 2017 – Board action to create full time Medicolegal Data Specialist position

December 12, 2017 – Board action to approve SUDORS grant funding of \$79,914 for FY18 and FY19

August 28, 2018 – Board action to approve SUDORS grant funding of \$79,914 for FY19 and FY20

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The grant is retroactive from September 1, 2019 due to not receiving the grant award paperwork until early September.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Office of Public Health Investigations & Epidemiology

Scope of the Project: Provides for personnel expenses, expanded toxicology testing expenses, and travel expenses to investigate drug-related deaths and receive training for such investigations

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program creates a detailed data repository for drug-related deaths. This data can be used by law enforcement, health agencies, etc. to better understand the root causes of such deaths which will lead to better prevention and treatment programs.

On-Going Program Support: This is the first year of the program created by the federal government and will continue as long as grant funding is available.

Award Amount: \$90,000.00

Grant Period: September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

Funding Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

CFDA Number: 93.136

Grant ID Number: NU17CE925001-01-00

Match Amount and Type: No match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: No sub-awards or contracts

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for this grant will be reimbursed to Washoe County from the State of Nevada after they are incurred. The Regional Medical Examiner's Office has sufficient budget to pay the expenses until reimbursement occurs. Should the Board accept this grant award, the Fiscal Year 2020 adopted budget for the Regional Medical Examiner's Office will be increased by \$90,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11618	431100 – Federal Grants	\$90,000.00
IO 11618	711210 – Travel	\$4,000.00
IO 11618	701412 – Salary Adjustment	\$28,000.00

IO 11618	705360 – Benefit Adjustment	\$7,600.00
IO 11618	710104 – Toxicology	\$50,000.00
IO 11618	710350 – Office Supplies	\$400.00

As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the position abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the grant funding [\$90,000.00 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor, operating, travel, and toxicology expenses relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program, retroactive from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments, 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 accept grant funding [\$90,000.00 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor, operating, travel, and toxicology expenses relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program, retroactive from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."