



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

DATE: April 20, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Christopher Hicks

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a renewed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of [\$250,580; \$88,885 required in-kind match], from the State of Nevada Attorney General's Office to provide funding for a Deputy District Attorney III retroactive from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with an estimated \$55,571 in position costs to be absorbed within existing District Attorney departmental budget authority, and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designees to sign the grant agreement. (All commission districts)

SUMMARY

The District Attorney's Office receives funding from the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant via the State of Nevada Attorney General's Office. This continued funding partially pays for a Deputy District Attorney who specializes sexual assault and human trafficking cases. 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.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 13, 2025, the Board accepted a renewed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of [\$231,246; \$79,167 required in-kind match], from the State of Nevada Attorney General's Office to provide funding for a Deputy District Attorney III retroactive from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

On May 13, 2025, the Board accepted a renewed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of [\$200,417.65; \$66,805.88 in-kind match], from the State of Nevada Attorney General's Office to provide funding for a Deputy District Attorney III retroactive from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On March 26, 2024, the Board accepted a renewed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of [\$95,206; \$34,219 required match], from the State of Nevada Attorney General's Office to provide funding for a Deputy District Attorney III retroactive from July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

The Board has accepted VAWA funding for this position since 2020.

BACKGROUND

Prosecuting human trafficking and sexual assault cases requires highly specialized expertise and strong collaborative relationships. Because Deputy District Attorneys already manage full caseloads, it is not practical for each of them to devote the intensive time and focused attention these complex cases demand. A dedicated prosecutor is essential to maintain close working relationships with law enforcement, subject-matter experts, and victims. This role will provide pre-arrest legal guidance, conduct case screening, and manage the litigation and jury presentation of human trafficking and other sex-crime cases. County management has expressed support for the continuation of this program partially paid for with these grant funds.

This grant is continued funding for Deputy District Attorney III position #70010247.

Award is retroactive to January 1, 2026 – the grantor just recently sent the notice of sub-grant award. Bringing to first possible meeting date.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault Prosecutor

Scope of the Project: Deputy District Attorney dedicated to human trafficking, sexual assault, and sexual abuse cases

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Prosecution of sexual assault, human trafficking and related cases.

On-Going Program Support: Seek General Funds or grants

Award Amount: \$250,580.00

Grant Period: January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Justice; Office on Violence Against Women

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Office of the Attorney General

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 16.588

Grant ID Number: 2026-VAWA-39

Match Amount and Type: \$88,885.00 in-kind

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *n/a*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY2026 District Attorney’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$250,580 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

As the grant does not fund all position costs, an estimated \$55,571 will be absorbed within the District Attorney Cost Center 106100 budget authority.

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12671 VAWA CY2026	431100-Federal Grants	\$ 250,580
IO-12671 VAWA CY2026	701412-Salary Adjustment	\$ 170,000
IO-12671 VAWA CY2025	705360-Benefit Adjustment	80,580
		\$ 250,580

Match is required in the amount of \$88,885.00 using Cost Center 106110 personnel (Deputy District Attorney who performs a similar function).

Indirect costs are included in the grant budget [\$16,075.00]. No amendment is necessary for the indirect revenue.

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a renewed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the District Attorney’s Office in the amount of [\$250,580; \$88,885 required in-kind match], from the State of Nevada Attorney General’s Office to provide funding for a Deputy District Attorney III retroactive from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with an estimated \$55,571 in position costs to be absorbed within existing District Attorney departmental budget authority, and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designees to sign the grant agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to accept a renewed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of [\$250,580; \$88,885 required in-kind match], from the State of Nevada Attorney General's Office to provide funding for a Deputy District Attorney III retroactive from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with an estimated \$55,571 in position costs to be absorbed within existing District Attorney departmental budget authority, and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designees to sign the grant agreement."