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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 19, 2024

**DATE:** October 18, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Services between Washoe County and Arrington Watkins Architects, LLC for the Washoe County Detention Center Infirmery Task -2 Project [in the amount of \$2,299,067.00]. The services included in Task 2 are architectural and engineering design to develop 40% construction documents package for a new medical infirmery to be located at the Washoe County Regional Detention Facility, 911 Parr Boulevard, Reno. Community Services. (Commission District 5.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

The Community Services Department (CSD) seeks approval for an Agreement for Services with Arrington Watkins Architects, LLC to provide architectural and engineering services for the Washoe County Regional Detention Center Infirmery - Task 2 Project, which includes the development of 40% construction document level drawings for a 225-bed infirmery, at the Washoe County Regional Detention facility. The Infirmery will serve inmates requiring medical and mental health treatment. Phase 2 work is being funded through a Department of Health and Human Services Administration grant previously accepted by the Board of Commissioners (Board) in October 2022.

Arrington Watkins Architects was selected through a competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in compliance with 2 CFR 200.320. This process involved qualifications-based procurement for professional design services including sealed Statements of Qualifications. All submissions were evaluated, scored, and ranked to ensure a suitable selection.

Staff has verified in the System for Award Management Exclusions that Arrington Watkins Architects is not excluded from receiving federal government contracts as a result of being debarred.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:**

Economic Impacts: Meet the needs of our growing community.

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**PREVIOUS ACTION**

On October 11, 2022, the Board accepted a grant for Community Project Funding from the United States Congress through the Department of Health and Human Services Administration in the amount of \$2,335,000; no county match required, to support the design and assessment of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Infirmery, with a retroactive period from August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2025.

On April 25, 2017, the Board approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Arrington Watkins Architects, LLC to develop a comprehensive master plan for the Washoe County Sheriff's Facility located at 911 Parr Boulevard, Reno, Nevada in the amount of \$230,370.00.

**BACKGROUND**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Center was constructed in 1988 with an initial capacity of 448 beds. In 1999, the facility was expanded to include an additional housing unit, adding 256 beds. Further expansions in 2008 introduced three more housing units, a medical triage center, an E-Kitchen, and a laundry facility, doubling the total inmate capacity to 1,301 beds.

In 2017, Arrington Watkins Architects conducted a master plan for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, which identified a new medical infirmary as the highest priority. A subsequent master plan update and concept programming in 2022 revealed significant increases in inmate populations, with the general population rising significantly and associated inmate mental health population increasing , exceeding the size of the existing facility.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient budget authority exists in the FY25 Budget in the Capital Improvement Fund (402) in the WCSO Infirmery Design project (PW920424).

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve an Agreement for Services between Washoe County and Arrington Watkins Architects, LLC for the Washoe County Detention Center Infirmery Task -2 Project [in the amount of \$2,299,067.00]. The services included in Task 2 are architectural and engineering design to develop 40% construction documents package for a new medical infirmary to be located at the Washoe County Regional Detention Facility, 911 Parr Boulevard, Reno.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve an Agreement for Services between Washoe County and Arrington Watkins Architects, LLC for the Washoe County Detention Center Infirmery Task -2 Project [in the amount of \$2,299,067.00]. The services included in Task 2 are architectural and engineering design to develop 40% construction documents package for a new medical infirmary to be located at the Washoe County Regional Detention Facility, 911 Parr Boulevard, Reno."