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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

DATE: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Francisco Gamboa, Lieutenant, Special Operations Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept additional High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant award funding [increase of \$30,000.00, no County match required, for a total of \$130,000.00] as administered from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, project number G24NV0001A, for installation and equipment costs associated with Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept additional High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) funding for the grant award from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (grant agreement G24NV001A).

Per County policy, the Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

These funds from HIDTA will be used to reimburse Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability: Efficient delivery of regional services

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 10, 2024, the Board approved Item 6.G.2., \$100,000.00 of FY24 HIDTA Northern Nevada Interdiction Task Force (NNITF) funding for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses related to High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) operations, as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

On August 15, 2023, the Board approved Item 5.I.3., \$82,000.00 of FY22 HIDTA NNITF funding for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses related to HIDTA

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operations, as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department. (The item had been missed on the May 16, 2023 BCC agenda.)

On May 16, 2023, the Board approved Item 6.D.5., \$100,000.00 of FY23 HIDTA NNITF funding for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses related to HIDTA operations, as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

On December 14, 2021, the Board approved Item 10.K.2, \$90,000.00 of FY21 HIDTA NNITF funding for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses related to HIDTA operations, as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

The Board has been approving funding for the HIDTA Northern Nevada Interdiction Task Force since 2008.

BACKGROUND

The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program in the dismantling and disruption of drug trafficking organizations. Washoe County became part of Northern Nevada HIDTA Task Force in the fall of 2006, when the Board formally approved the Washoe County Sheriff's participation by way of interlocal agreement on November 13, 2006.

Las Vegas Metro Police Department acts as the fiscal agent and administers the State of Nevada HIDTA award. This additional \$30,000.00 will fund costs associated with Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs).

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

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FY24 HIDTA: High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program Northern Nevada Interdiction Task Force*

Scope of the Project: *The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Increased safety and security of the community.*

On-Going Program Support: *Washoe County Sheriff's Office will continue dedicating deputies to the HIDTA task force.*

Award Amount: *\$30,000.00 [for a total grant of \$130,000.00]*

Grant Period: *January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025*

Funding Source: *Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)*

Pass Through Entity: *Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *95.001*

Grant ID Number: *G24NV0001A*

Match Amount and Type: *None*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *None*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Washoe County Sheriff's Office adopted budget will be increased by \$30,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO - 12412 2024 HIDTA NNITF	431100 - Federal Grants	\$30,000.00
IO - 12412 2024 HIDTA NNITF	710300 - Operating Supplies	\$30,000.00

- No match required
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept additional High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant award funding [increase of \$30,000.00, no County match required, for a total of \$130,000.00] as administered from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, project number G24NV0001A, for installation and equipment costs associated with Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept additional High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant award funding [increase of \$30,000.00, no County match required, for a total of \$130,000.00] as administered from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, project number G24NV0001A, for installation and equipment costs associated with Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."