



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 18, 2018

**DATE:** Friday, November 9, 2018  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Mike Bassi, Lieutenant, Administrative Bureau  
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**THROUGH:** Chuck Allen, Sheriff  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the Agreement between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Trauma Intervention Programs of Northern Nevada, Inc. (TIP) in the amount of [\$8,300.00, no charge to the County] for providing trauma intervention and victim advocacy assistance to the Sheriff's Office for the retroactive period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the agreement between Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Trauma Intervention Programs of N. Nevada, Inc. (TIP) in the amount of \$8,300.00 for FY 2018/2019 as it relates to providing Trauma Intervention and Victim Advocacy in response to traumatic incidents and events, responded to by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Stewardship of our Community / Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

### PREVIOUS ACTION

None

### BACKGROUND

The Trauma Intervention Programs of Northern Nevada, a non-profit organization has been serving our Community since 2009. Since that time, specifically for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, TIP volunteers have responded to 565 calls for service. TIP Volunteers are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are called by Deputy Sheriffs to assist family members and friends following a natural or unexpected death; victims of violent crime including rape, assault, robbery, or burglary; victims of fire; disoriented or lonely elderly persons; people involved in motor vehicle accidents; people who are distraught and seeking immediate support; and survivors of suicide. Since 2009,

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TIP volunteers have provided over 200,000 volunteer hours to our local communities in Northern Nevada, for this purpose.

TIP has traditionally employed a structure of raising donation monies, through a variety of events and solicitation. Locally however, a large benefactor has moved out of the area, and it has been getting progressively harder to meet the basic needs of the organization, and to provide the level of service expected. This has been a national issue and as a result, TIP affiliates have been seeking nominal support from local governmental entities that receive their services. The requested amount is based on a per capita formulation of \$0.12, calculated on a Washoe County population of 110,846 (per state demographer).

The total amount is being split with the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, which has dedicated \$5,000.00 annually. The \$8,300.00/annual request for these services, is of great cost benefit to the County. Just one Victim Advocate FTE, which is the traditional method of providing this function, would create a financial impact in salary and benefits of over \$100,000.00 annually.

Reason for retroactive submittal: Item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once the agreement was finalized by all parties.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The \$8,300.00 expense will be charged within restricted Sheriff's Office State Forfeiture internal order #20000-710500. State Forfeiture funds expenditures are authorized at the Sheriff's authority in accordance with NRS 179.1187.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Agreement between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Trauma Intervention Programs of Northern Nevada, Inc. (TIP) in the amount of [\$8,300.00, no charge to the County] for providing trauma intervention and victim advocacy assistance to the Sheriff's Office for the retroactive period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board approve the Staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the Agreement between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Trauma Intervention Programs of Northern Nevada, Inc. (TIP) in the amount of [\$8,300.00, no charge to the County] for providing trauma intervention and victim advocacy assistance to the Sheriff's Office for the retroactive period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.”