



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 12, 2023

DATE: November 8, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Sheriff Darin Balaam, Sheriff's Office
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to retroactively accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$280,000.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number 97067.23, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit for the purchase of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive detection robot for the Consolidated Bomb Squad for the grant term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management. Per county policy, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management has awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office funding for the purchase of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive detection robot for the Consolidated Bomb Squad. The robot will enhance and increase our Bomb Squad Unit's ability to safely respond, detect and assist in render safe efforts involving suspected explosives associated with biological, chemical, radiological, and explosive substances.

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

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and healthy communities.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has received notification it has been awarded a grant from the Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management for the purchase of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive detection robot for the Consolidated Bomb Squad. The Bomb Squad provides emergency response and mitigation to incidents that are suspected to be explosive in nature and/or are affiliated with biological, chemical, radiological, and explosive substances. The equipment will enhance and increase our Bomb Squad Unit's ability to safely respond and assist in rescue efforts involving suspected explosives associated with biological or chemical substances in our community.

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

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Consolidated Bomb Squad Enhancement

Scope of the Project: Purchase of Equipment and Supplies

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increase safety to citizens of Washoe County

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$280,000.00

Grant Period: 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2025

Funding Source: Nevada Office of the Military

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Division of Emergency Management

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 97.067

Grant ID Number: 97067.23

Match Amount and Type: No Match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Equipment will be purchased using Washoe County grant procurement processes compliant with 2 CFR 200.317-200.326.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY24 Sheriff’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$280,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 402)/Public Safety	IO-19160 2023 DEM Bomb Detection Robot	431100-Federal Grants	\$280,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 402)/Public Safety	IO-19160 2023 DEM Bomb Detection Robot	818000 -Transfer to Intrafund	\$280,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 402)/Public Safety	TBD PW	781004 – Equipment Capital	\$280,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 402)/Public Safety	TBD PW	818000 -Transfer to Intrafund	\$(280,000.00)

- No Match
- Reimbursement
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$280,000.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number 97067.23, to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Unit for the purchase of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive detection robot for the Consolidated Bomb Squad for the grant term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, 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 retroactively accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$280,000.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number 97067.23, to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad for the purchase of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive detection robot for the Consolidated Bomb Squad for the grant term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”