



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jon Miller, Sergeant, Traffic Unit
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety additional funding [increase of \$6,500.00 for a total of \$70,500.00, 25% in-kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses, for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept additional funding from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety. Per county policy, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

Additional grant funding has been awarded for reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses. This grant seeks to reduce the number of vehicle accidents and traffic violations that occur on Washoe County roadways. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is a partnering agency in this statewide initiative to reduce crashes and violations through driver education and enforcement.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations: Coordination between agencies and communication of programs

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 22, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 11.G.3., the Sheriff's Office request to accept this FY25 Joining Forces grant [amount not to exceed \$64,000.00, 25% in-kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety to fund reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited

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travel expenses for the grant period of the Effective Date of Authorization through September 30, 2025.

On November 14, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 9.H.2., the Sheriff's Office request to accept the FY24 Joining Forces grant [amount not to exceed \$43,500.00, 25% in-kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety to fund reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses for the grant period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

On November 15, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 9.I.1., the Sheriff's Office request to accept the FY23 Joining Forces grant [amount not to exceed \$96,000.00, 25% in-kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety to fund reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses for the grant period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

On September 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 6.G.3., the Sheriff's Office request to accept the FY22 Joining Forces grant [amount not to exceed \$96,000.00, 25% in-kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety to fund reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses for the grant period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

The Board of County Commissioners has been approving Joining Forces funding from the State of Nevada for traffic events and limited travel since 2013.

BACKGROUND

In October 2024, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office was awarded a FY25 grant [amount not to exceed \$64,000.00, 25% in-kind county match required] administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety for reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has been successful and recognized a need for more proactive, targeted enforcement to protect the motoring public on Washoe County roadways. The State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety has approved \$6,500.00 in additional funds to continue this enforcement.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FY25 OTS Joining Forces*

Scope of the Project: *Conduct traffic enforcement events and checkpoints throughout Washoe County.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Safer roads for our community, and a reduction in crashes on Washoe County roadways.*

On-Going Program Support: *N/A*

Award Amount: \$6,500.00

Grant Period: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Funding Source: US Department of Transportation

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 20.600, 20.608, 20.616(e)

Grant ID Number: JF-2025-WCSO-00063

Match Amount and Type: 25%, in-kind. Match will be met with straight time hours worked during each event, project manager administration time for project activities, and vehicle use while conducting saturation patrols at \$20 per hour.

Sub-Awards and Contracts: None

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY25 Washoe County Sheriff's Office adopted budget will be increased by \$6,500.00 in both revenues and expenditures.

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12435 FY25 Joining Forces 402	431100-Federal Grants	\$6,500.00
IO-12435 FY25 Joining Forces 402	701300-Overtime	\$6,500.00

- 25% match required – Regular hours worked
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety additional funding [increase of \$6,500.00 for a total of \$70,500.00, 25% in-kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses, for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; 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 from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety additional funding [increase of \$6,500.00 for a total of \$70,500.00, 25% in-kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses, for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."