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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: December 09, 2025

DATE: Thursday, November 13, 2025
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Jason Phillips, Lieutenant, Detention Services
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Jail-Based Mental Health subaward amendment #1 from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of [$9,991,955.00 which increases the total award amount to $15,881,917, no County match] retroactive from March 15, 2024 through June 30, 2027 to support the jail-based mental health program including funding to support personnel, operating and equipment expenditures; authorize the creation of an additional 4.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff positions, funded 100% by these grant funds, and as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured; if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments; and direct Human Resources to make the necessary staffing adjustments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY:

This funding is received from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to support the collaboration between Washoe County and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. The goal of this Jail Based Mental Health Program is to introduce treatment at an earlier time in the assessment prior to adjudication of individuals with mental illness. The overarching goal and expectation of this Jail Based Mental Health Program is to mirror the intensive therapy clients receive at Lakes Crossing Center, the state operated maximum-security psychiatric facility providing comprehensive forensic mental health. During the 2025 legislative session, Nevada passed Assembly Bill 467 authorizing the establishment of programs for competency restoration at locations other than a state forensic facility. The Washoe County Jail has received this authorization from the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. When individuals are court ordered to receive evaluation and/or treatment for restoration to legal competency, the Washoe County Jail will provide these services under the authorization of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. The Washoe County Jail Based Mental Health Program will reduce the time needed for evaluation and competency restoration for legal proceedings.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 23, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #17, the Departments request to accept $5,889,962 (no County match) in ARPA funds to support the Jail-Based Mental Health Program for the period March 15, 2024 – December 30, 2025, authorized the creation of 10.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff positions and 1.0 FTE Sergeant funded 100% by these grant funds.

BACKGROUND

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has extended the grant term and increased funding to support ongoing and enhanced program services. Funds are to be utilized by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to continue services that have been in place since April 2024. In addition, enhancements will include forensic competency restoration under guidelines set forth by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, additional resources in the form of medical and custodial personnel, as well as in the type of treatment provided. The program will remain a standalone team with a total of 15.0 FTE.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *Jail Based Mental Health Program*

Scope of the Project: *Provide comprehensive forensic mental health services.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Reduce incarceration time of offenders pending court adjudication.*

On-Going Program Support: *If grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.*

Award Amount: *Total award = $15,881,917 ($5,889,962 original award + $9,991,955 amendment)*

Grant Period: *March 15, 2024 – June 30, 2027*
Changes to scope of work added October 1, 2025 to reflect work to be completed effective January 1, 2026 – June 20, 2027

Funding Source: *Nevada Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Public & Behavioral Health – ARPA Allocation #*24JBMHP01, FAIN, SLFRP2634, CFDA 21.027

Pass through From: *U.S. Department of Treasury*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *21.027*

Grant ID Number: *SG-2024-00058-1*

Match Amount and Type: *None*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *Contract with and to be determined Medical Service Provider*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this funding and approve these amendments, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office FY26 adopted budget will be increased by $9,991,955.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	431100- Federal Grant	$9,991,955.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	701412-Salary Adjustment	$1,747,866.60
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	701300-Overtime	$ 360,000.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	705360-Benefit Adjustment	$1,405,244.40
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	710300-Operating Supplies	$ 30,001.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	710504-Equipment NonCap	$ 55,618.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	710200-Service Contract	$4,953,649.00
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	710500-Other Expense	$ 158,498.48
IO 12354 – 24/25 Jail Based MH Unit	710703-Biologicals	$1,281,077.52

- *No match required*
- *Indirect costs are not included in the grant award.*
- *As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Jail-Based Mental Health subaward amendment #1 from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of [$9,991,955.00 which increases the total award amount to $15,881,917, no County match] retroactive from March 15, 2024 through June 30, 2027 to support the jail-based mental health program including funding to support personnel, operating and equipment expenditures; authorize the creation of an additional 4.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff positions, funded 100% by these grant funds, and as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured; if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments; and direct Human Resources to make the necessary staffing adjustments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a Jail-Based Mental Health subaward amendment #1 from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of [$9,991,955.00 which increases the total award amount to $15,881,917, no County match] retroactive from March 15, 2024 through June 30, 2027 to support the jail-based mental health program including funding to support personnel, operating and equipment expenditures; authorize the creation of an additional 4.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff positions, funded 100% by these grant funds, and as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured; if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments; and direct Human Resources to make the necessary staffing adjustments."