



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

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DATE: August 16, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Justin Norton, Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office
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THROUGH: Dr. Laura D. Knight, Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner

SUBJECT: Accept grant funding [\$79,914.00 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor and travel expenses relating to the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System, from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This grant will allow for paid staff time (including benefits) to investigate drug-related deaths and input data into the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS). Funding for additional toxicology testing and travel for data collection and training are also included in the award. This is the second year the Regional Medical Examiner's Office has received this grant.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

October 24, 2017 – Board action to create full time Medicolegal Data Specialist position
December 12, 2017 – Board action to approve SUDORS grant funding of \$79,914 for
FY18-19

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Office of Public Health Investigations & Epidemiology

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Scope of the Project: Provides for personnel expenses, expanded toxicology testing expenses, and travel expenses to investigate drug-related deaths and receive training for such investigations

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program creates a detailed data repository for drug-related deaths. This data can be used by law enforcement, health agencies, etc. to better understand the root causes of such deaths which will lead to better prevention and treatment programs.

On-Going Program Support: This is the second year of the program created by the federal government and will continue as long as grant funding is available.

Award Amount: \$79,914.00

Grant Period: September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

Funding Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

CFDA Number: 93.136

Grant ID Number: 6NU17CE924901-02

Match Amount and Type: No match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: No sub-awards or contracts

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for this grant will be reimbursed to Washoe County from the State of Nevada after they are incurred. The Regional Medical Examiner's Office has sufficient budget to pay the expenses until reimbursement occurs. Should the Board accept this grant award, the Fiscal Year 2019 adopted budget for the Regional Medical Examiner's Office will be increased by \$79,914 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11501	431100 – Federal Grants	\$79,914.00
IO 11501	711210 – Travel	\$4,000.00
IO 11501	701110 – Base Salaries	\$21,547.10
IO 11501	705360 – Benefit Adjustment	\$8,052.90
IO 11501	710104 – Toxicology	\$46,314.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the grant funding [\$79,914.00 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and

Human Services for labor and travel expenses relating to the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System, from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments, 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 accept grant funding [\$79,914.00 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor and travel expenses relating to the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System, from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."