



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** November 13, 2018

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 06, 2018

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Chuck Allen, Sheriff

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a direct grant award from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) FY18 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program, Project No 2018-DN-BX-0145 for [\$407,395.00, no county match required] for the DNA Backlog Reduction Program for the grant period of 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2020; and if approved, authorize Sheriff to execute grant award documentation, and direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments.(All Commission Districts)

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### **SUMMARY**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office \$407,395.00 to fund the FY18 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division will utilize these funds to pay costs associated with travel and training, extraction robots, alternate light source systems, offender kits, sexual assault kits, suspect kits, and validation services.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

Prior NIJ DNA Backlog Reduction awards were approved by the Board on October 22, 2013, October 14, 2014, November 10, 2015, January 10, 2017, and January 9, 2018.

### **BACKGROUND**

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**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** FY 2018 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program

**Scope of the Project:** Funding for costs associated with reducing the backlog of DNA samples (both casework and offender) to be tested.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Increased capability to test pending DNA samples (both casework and offender).

**On-Going Program Support:** N/A

**Award Amount:** \$407,395.00

**Grant Period:** 01/01/2019 - 12/31/2020

**Funding Source:** Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

**Pass Through Entity:** National Institute of Justice

**CFDA Number:** 16.741

**Grant ID Number:** 2018-DN-BX-0145

**Match Amount and Type:** No Match.

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** Any equipment will be purchased using Washoe County grant procurement processes compliant with 2 CFR 200.317-200.326. Professional services and/or Independent Contract Agreement will be approved by Purchasing within Washoe County grant procurement processes.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY19 budget will be increased by \$407,395.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

### **INCREASE REVENUES:**

11515 - 431100 (2017 DNA Backlog Reduction -Federal Grants)	\$407,395.00
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### **INCREASE EXPENDITURES:**

11515 – 711210 (2017 DNA Backlog Reduction – travel & registration)	\$ 28,722.00
11515 – 710200 (2017 DNA Backlog Reduction – contract svcs)	\$ 35,000.00
11515 - 710300 (2017 DNA Backlog Reduction –supplies)	\$ 144,668.00
11515 - 781004 (2017 DNA Backlog Reduction –equipment capital)	\$ 199,005.00

- No Match
- Reimbursement
  - Upfront cash from General funds
- Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a direct grant award from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) FY18 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program, Project No 2018-DN-BX-0145 for [\$407,395.00, no county match required] for the DNA Backlog Reduction Program for the grant period of 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2020; and if approved, authorize Sheriff to execute grant award documentation, and direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a direct grant award from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) FY18 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program, Project No 2018-DN-BX-0145 for [\$407,395.00, no county match required] for the DNA Backlog Reduction Program for the grant period of 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2020; and if approved, authorize Sheriff to execute grant award documentation, and direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments."