



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018

DATE: Thursday, December 06, 2018
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Kerri Heward, Crime Lab Director
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THROUGH: Chuck Allen, Sheriff
SUBJECT: Approve a direct grant award from the State of Nevada, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance FFY 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Project No. 18-JAG-24 for [\$21,900.00, no County match required] to purchase a TruNarc™ screening instrument to be used in the Forensic Science Division for the retroactive grant period of 10/1/18 through 9/30/19; and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Office of Criminal Justice Assistance awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office \$21,900.00 to purchase a TruNarc™ screening instrument that can provide presumptive results for controlled, prescription and illegal drugs. This device will assist officers from all agencies we serve with accurate presumptive results, provide them with a printed document that can be utilized as objective evidence for court purposes, reduce officer exposure to potentially harmful drugs such as fentanyl, and reduce the amount of chemical consumables (presumptive chemical test kits) used by these agencies.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

Prior Forensic Science JAG awards were approved by the Board on August 13, 2013, September 27, 2016 and September 26, 2017.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office - Forensic Science Division (WCSO-FSD) provides crime scene investigation, laboratory testing, and calibration services for over 80 State, Federal, and local agencies in 13 of the 17 counties in Nevada. The WCSO-FSD is an accredited forensic laboratory through The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors / Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB). It is our desire to provide improved services, with shorter turnaround times to our user agencies, while maintaining

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the highest quality of work. Reason for retroactive submittal: item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once all paperwork was received and processed.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Safe Preliminary Testing of Controlled substances to Reduce Exposure

Scope of the Project: Funding will be utilized to purchase a TruNarc™ screening instrument that can provide presumptive results for controlled, prescription and illegal drugs.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increased safety to Officers from all agencies who will be able to scan the suspected drugs through packaging prior to submitting the items to evidence thus eliminating the potential exposure to harmful chemicals.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$21,900.00

Grant Period: 10/01/2018 - 9/30/2019

Funding Source: U. S. Department of Justice

Pass Through Entity: Office of Criminal Justice Assistance

CFDA Number: 16.738

Grant ID Number: 18-JAG-24

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 \$21,900.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

INCREASE REVENUES:

19088 - 431100 (JAG 18/19 Lab-Federal Funds)	\$21,900.00
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

19088 – 781004 (JAG 18/19 Equipment Capital)	\$21,900.00
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- 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 State of Nevada, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance FFY 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Project No. 18-JAG-24 for [\$21,900.00, no County match required] to purchase a TruNarc™ screening instrument to be used in the Forensic Science Division for the retroactive grant period of 10/1/18 through 9/30/19; and if approved, 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 State of Nevada, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance FFY 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Project No. 18-JAG-24 for [\$21,900.00, no County match required] to purchase a TruNarc™ screening instrument to be used in the Forensic Science Division for the retroactive grant period of 10/1/18 through 9/30/19; and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments."