



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 8, 2019

DATE: September 9, 2019

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: Recommendation to accept grant funding [\$67,000.00 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor, operating, and travel expenses relating to the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS), retroactive from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, 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 fringe and benefits), travel, and operating expenses to investigate violent deaths and input data into the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). This is the fourth 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

May 23, 2017 – Board acceptance of NVDRS grant funding of \$62,856 for FY17 and FY18

September 26, 2017 – Board acceptance of NVDRS grant funding of \$62,856 for FY18 and FY19

August 28, 2018 – Board acceptance of NVDRS grant funding of \$62,856 for FY19 and FY20

BACKGROUND

The grant is retroactive from September 1, 2019 due to not receiving the grant award paperwork until early September.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

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

Scope of the Project: Provides for personnel and travel expenses to investigate violent deaths and receive training for the National Violent Death Reporting System

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The National Violent Death Reporting System is a detailed data repository for all violent deaths. This data can be used by law enforcement, health agencies, etc. to better understand the causes of violent deaths. The data can also be used in suicide prevention and domestic violence prevention programs.

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

Award Amount: \$67,000.00

Grant Period: September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

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: 5NU17CE924856-04

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 2020 adopted budget for the Regional Medical Examiner's Office will be increased by \$67,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11617	431100 – Federal Grants	\$67,000.00
IO 11617	711210 – Travel	\$3,501.00
IO 11617	701412 – Salary Adjustment	\$49,000.00
IO 11617	705360 – Benefit Adjustment	\$13,600.00
IO 11617	710350 – Office Supplies	\$399.00
IO 11617	710500 – Other Expense	\$500.00

As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the position abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the grant funding [\$67,000.00 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor, operating, and travel expenses relating to the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS), retroactive from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, 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 the grant funding [\$67,000.00 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for labor, operating, and travel expenses relating to the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS), retroactive from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, 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."