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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 22, 2020

DATE: Thursday, September 17, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize the grant application for the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (CFDS#16.739), Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Reno Police Department. With this funding, the WCSO's anticipated award will be [\$64,502.40, no County match required] for the purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel; and approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department for the management and disposition of 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This staff report is officially asking Washoe County's permission to approve the grant application submitted by Reno Police Department as well as approve the Interlocal Agreement that Reno Police Department must submit with their application.

WCSO will submit a second staff report once DOJ has awarded the funds.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 28, 2020, the Board authorized item #6.D., the grant application for the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Reno Police Department and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department.

On September 24, 2019, the Board authorized item #7.I.3., the grant application for the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Reno Police Department and

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approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department.

On September 25, 2018, the Board authorized item #6.J.3., the grant application for the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Reno Police Department and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Reno have previously been individual recipients of Block Grant Funds and Byrne Grant Funds. In 2005, the Department of Justice combined both the Byrne Grants and Block Grants into the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) which require regional applications with one entity acting as fiscal agent of the grant. The City of Reno and Washoe County have agreed that the City of Reno will be the fiscal agent for the JAG grant application. The Reno Police Department has already submitted the initial application for the known dollar amount of \$161,256.00. With this application, WCSO will receive 40% of the total funding, or \$64,502.40, Reno Police Department receiving \$64,502.40 and Sparks Police Department receiving \$32,251.20. The City of Reno administers the JAG grants on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff, and Sparks Police Department. If awarded, the WCSO will use the funding to purchase needed Law Enforcement equipment, and Law Enforcement related training and travel.

FISCAL IMPACT

Washoe County Sheriff's Office will return to the board for the actual award acceptance. No fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the grant application for the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (CFDS#16.739), Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Reno Police Department. With this funding, the WCSO's anticipated award will be [\$64,502.40, no County match required] for the purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel; and approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department for the management and disposition of 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to authorize the grant application for the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (CFDS#16.739), Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Reno Police Department. With this funding, the WCSO's anticipated award will be [\$64,502.40, no County match required] for the purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel; and approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department for the management and disposition of 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program."