



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *October 13, 2020*

DATE: Thursday, October 08, 2020
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Kelly Echeverria, Program Coordinator, Emergency Management
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a 2020 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) FireShows West grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for [\$1,850.00, no county match required] including funds to be used for non-employee training; Grant Term: Retroactive from September 23, 2020 – October 31, 2020; If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and authorize the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to accept a 2020 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness ((HMEP) FireShows West grant for [\$1,850.00, no County match required] from the State of Nevada SERC. Grant term is retroactive to September 23, 2020 through October 31, 2020.

The grant will provide funding for registration costs for attendance to the virtual FireShows West Hazardous Materials Conference, September 23 – November 30, 2020, for the following disciplines: Reno Fire Department; Sparks Fire Department; Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority Fire Department, Reno Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue, Washoe County Emergency Management, and the Washoe County Health District.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board of County Commissioners has accepted the SERC HMEP FireShows West grant for the past 10 years dating back to 2010.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

October 23, 2018 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted the 2019 SERC HMEP FireShows West Grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management, [7,215.00 with no County match]; and directed the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

October 10, 2017 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted the 2018 SERC HMEP FireShows West Grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management, [\$4,875.00 with no County match]; and directed the Finance Department to make appropriate budget adjustments.

BACKGROUND

Funds are derived from fees collected from shippers and carriers of hazardous materials. This grant will provide funding to the Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for attendance at the FireShows West Hazardous Materials Conference in Reno, NV.

This grant is retroactive due to the federal government grant system funding issues. This delay is not within the control of the County or State.

Accepted for attendance are; Fifteen (15) from Reno Fire Department; Five (5) from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Five (5) from Sparks Fire Department; Four (4) from the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority ; Four (4) from Reno Police Department/Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Two (2) from Washoe County Health District; and Two (2) from Washoe County Emergency Management.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *2020 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Training Grant (HMEP)*

Scope of the Project: *Provide a training opportunity to attend the FireShows West Hazardous Materials Conference for our regional first responders to increase effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, as well as, the unique challenges in response to transportation situations.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *The benefit is to provide our regional first responder's with training to initiate an effective response to hazardous materials incidents; this in return provides protection of life, property and hazards of County residents.*

On-Going Program Support: *This annual grant opportunity is for specific deliverables. We will continue to apply for funding annually.*

Award Amount: *\$1,850.00*

Grant Period: *September 23, 2020 through October 31, 2020*

Funding Source: *U.S. Department of Transportation. Funds are derived from fees collected from shippers and carriers of hazardous materials*

Pass Through Entity: *State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)*

CFDA Number: *20.703*

Grant ID Number: *20-HMEP-16-02*

Match Amount and Type: *No County match required.*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *N/A*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by \$1,850 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
Revenue:		
IO 11764	431100 – Federal Grant	1,850.00
Expenditures:		
IO 11764	710509 – Seminars/Meetings	1,850.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a 2020 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness FireShows West grant for \$1,850.00, no County match required, including funds to be used for non-employee training; retroactive for the period of September 23, 2020 through October 31, 2020; If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and authorize the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to accept a 2020 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness FireShows West grant awarding [\$1,850.00, no County match required] including funds to be used for non-employee training; retroactive from September 23, 2020 through October 31, 2020; If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and authorize the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments."*