



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 17, 2020

DATE: Friday October 16, 2020
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Brooke Howard, Community Engagement Office
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$80,353.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2020 project number 97067.20, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for payment of one intermittent position as well as equipment and supplies for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, through the Department of Homeland Security. Per county policy, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, and Homeland Security has awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office funding for the payment of one intermittent position as well as purchase of equipment and supplies for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The grant award includes one intermittent position as support to our volunteer corp. The supplies and equipment will aid in the ongoing efforts to increase public awareness and preparedness in the event of a major disaster impacting our community.

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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

November 12, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.D.3, the Sheriff's Office request to approved a direct grant award [\$84,135.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2019, Project number 19-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for the retroactive grant period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

December 11, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 7.G.3, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a direct grant award [\$80,663.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, Project number 18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program Sustainment for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

December 11, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 7.G.2, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a direct grant award [\$6,600.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, Project number 18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program Enhancement for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

November 14, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 5.G.5, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a Citizen Corps Program grant award [\$92,149.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2017, Project number 17-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019

October 25, 2016 the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 7.I.1, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a sub grant award [\$67,940.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2016, Project number 16-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018.

October 13, 2015 the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 5.F.1, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a sub grant award [\$44,973.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FFY 2015, Project number 97067HL5, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program. Grant term is retroactive from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. If approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments.

The Board has accepted an annual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Grant Program award on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office since 2006.

BACKGROUND

On October 16, 2020, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office received notification it had been awarded a grant from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management for the payment of one intermittent position as well as

equipment and supplies related to training, provisioning and increased awareness of the community to disaster preparedness and response.

The Washoe County Community Emergency Response Team exists to ensure our citizens are kept aware and prepared to respond in case of a disaster. Continuing to invest in our Community Emergency Response Teams will enhance overall preparedness, community resilience, and mass care services. As our teams grow, administrative support is needed to aid in the organization's sustainability. The grant award includes one intermittent position as support to our volunteer corp. The supplies and equipment will aid in the continuing efforts to increase public awareness and preparedness in the event of a major disaster impacting our community.

Reason for retroactive submittal: Item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once paperwork was received and processed.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: CERT Program

Scope of the Project: Payment of One Intermittent Position and the Purchase of Equipment and Supplies

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increase safety

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$80,353.00

Grant Period: 10/01/2020 – 09/30/2022

Funding Source: Nevada Department of Public Safety

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Division of Emergency Management

CFDA Number: 97.067

Grant ID Number: 97067.20

Match Amount and Type: No Match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Equipment and supplies will be purchased using Washoe County grant procurement processes compliant with 2 *CFR* 200.317-200.326.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY21 Sheriff's Office adopted budget will be increased by \$80,353.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11773 FY20 DEM CERT	431100 – Federal Grants	\$80,353.00
IO 11773 FY20 DEM CERT	701130 – Pooled Positions	\$49,920.00
IO 11773 FY20 DEM CERT	710300-Operating Supplies	\$23,300.00
IO 11773 FY20 DEM CERT	711504- Equipment Noncapital	\$7,133.00

- No Match
- Reimbursement
 - Upfront cash from General Funds
- No indirect costs expenses were included in the submitted grant requests. All funds awarded through the grant will be directed to meet the specific project goals and enhance public safety.
- As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$80,353.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2020 project number 97067.20, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for payment of one intermittent position as well as equipment and supplies for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, 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 a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$80,353.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2020 project number 97067.20, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for payment of one intermittent position as well as equipment and supplies for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award

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