



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: Captain Max Brokaw, Special Operations Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$40,125.00, 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 Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center – FUSION (NNRIC) for the purchase of software license renewals 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 purchase of equipment for the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center- FUSION. The equipment will provide broader access to intelligence gathering as well as the sharing of information.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

November 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 8.D.4, the Sheriff's Office request to accept a direct grant award (\$53,358.55), no match required, from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FY 19, Project number 19-3000,

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to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center - FUSION (NNRIC) for the purchase of equipment.

August 14, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 16, the Sheriff's Office request to accept a direct grant award (\$144,338.07), no match required, from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FFY 09, Project number 97067, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of Fusion Core 360 for the Northern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (NNCTC).

The Board has accepted direct grant awards from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management for Fusion aka NNCTC aka NNRIC on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office since 2007.

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 purchase of software license renewals for the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center-FUSION to provide greater access to the intelligence gathering as needed for investigations into cyber threats.

The FUSION Center monitors various forms of communication to identify potential threats to locations, persons or other cyber related threats. They have the ability to quickly investigate their findings or pass the information on to the appropriate investigating agency. The funding will be used to enhance their ability to provide needed cyber security.

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: Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center--FUSION

Scope of the Project: Purchase of software license renewals

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increase safety

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$40,125.00

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 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 \$40,125.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11775 FY20 DEM NNRIC	431100 – Federal Grants	\$40,125.00
IO 11775 FY20 DEM NNRIC	711509-Computer Software NonCapital	\$40,125.00

- 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.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$40,125.00, 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 Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center – FUSION (NNRIC) for the purchase of software license renewals 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 \$40,125.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of

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