



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 \$200,000.00, 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 Bomb Unit for the purchase of equipment for the Consolidated Bomb Team 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 Consolidated Bomb Squad. The equipment will enhance and increase our Bomb Squad Unit's ability to safely respond and assist in rescue efforts involving suspected explosives associated with biological or chemical substances.

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.2, the Sheriff's Office request to accept [\$103,399.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2019 to the Washoe County Sheriff's

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Office Bomb Unit for the purchase of equipment for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

December 11, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved item # 7.G.6, the Sheriff's Office request to accept [\$100,636.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018 to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit for the purchase of equipment 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.2, the Sheriff's Office request to accept [\$18,703.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2017 to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit for the purchase of equipment for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has received notification it has been awarded a grant from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management for the purchase of a first out truck and training and other supplies for their Consolidated Bomb Squad. The Bomb Squad provides emergency response and mitigation to incidents that are suspected to be explosive in nature and/or are affiliated with biological or chemical substances. The equipment will enhance and increase our Bomb Squad Unit's ability to safely respond and assist in rescue efforts involving suspected explosives associated with biological or chemical substances in 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: Consolidated Bomb Squad

Scope of the Project: Purchase of Safety Equipment

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increase safety

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$200,000.00

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 \$200,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 19103 FY20 DEM BOMB	431100 – Federal Grants	\$200,000.00
IO 19103 FY20 DEM BOMB	710300 - Operating Supplies	\$41,720.00
IO 19103 FY20 DEM BOMB	701421 – Safety Equipment	\$20,400.00
IO 19103 FY20 DEM BOMB	781004 – Equipment-Capital	\$137,880.00

- 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 \$200,000.00, 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 Bomb Unit for the purchase of equipment for the Consolidated Bomb Team 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

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