



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 17, 2020

DATE: 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 \$80,072.00, 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 Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit for the purchase of equipment and forensic software 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 and software for the Special Operations Unit. The equipment and software will enhance the Cyber Crimes Unit's ability to investigate cyber related matters, cyber intrusion and cyber intellectual property crimes.

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.1, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a Cyber Security grant award [\$42,035.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2019,

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Project number 19-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to sustain current Cyber Security 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.10, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a Cyber Security grant award [\$45,060.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, Project number 18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to sustain current Cyber Security 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.4, the Sheriff's Office request to approve a grant award [\$84,000.00, 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 Cyber Security 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.2, the Sheriff's Office recommendation to approve a sub grant award [\$25,375.00, 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 Cyber Security 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.2, the Sheriff's Office recommendation to approve a sub grant award [\$134,100.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FFY 2015, Project number 97067HL5, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for Cyber Security. Grant term is retroactive from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

The Board has accepted an annual Cyber Security Grant Program award on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office since 2004.

BACKGROUND

The Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management has historically funded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of equipment and forensic software for the Sheriff's Office Cyber Crimes Unit that will enhance the Cyber Unit's ability to investigate cyber security breaches resulting in criminal behavior.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office dedicates personnel to investigate cyber related matters and partners with federal and state law enforcement combining our resources and experience. Cyber events involving security breaches usually evolve into criminal acts. Areas addressed include cyber forensics and cyber intrusion prevention. The majority of funding received will be used to address gaps in cyber defense and increasing the understanding of cyber threats and mitigation actions.

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: Cybersecurity - Maintain

Scope of the Project: Purchase of Equipment and Software

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increase safety

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$80,072.00

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 \$80,072.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO-11774 FY20 DEM CYBER	431100 – Federal Grants	\$80,072.00
IO-11774 FY20 DEM	711210-Travel	\$33,924.00
IO-11774 FY20 DEM	711504 – Equipment-NonCapital	\$6,148.00
IO-11774 FY20 DEM	711509-Computer Software NonCapital	\$40,000.00

- No Match
- Reimbursement
 - Upfront cash from General Funds
- Indirect cost reimbursement was not requested so that 100% of the grant funding can be directed towards enhancing 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 \$80,072.00, 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 Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit for the purchase of equipment and forensic software 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 \$80,072.00, 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 Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit for the purchase of equipment and forensic software 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."