



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 17, 2020

DATE: October 21, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's Office,
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THROUGH: Christopher J. Hicks, District Attorney

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of [\$125,000 no match] from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the retroactive period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, with remaining \$47,000 position cost covered by District Attorney General Fund budget, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designees to sign the grant agreement. (All Commission Districts.).

SUMMARY

The District Attorney's Office sits on the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in Nevada. The Federal Government, via the Office of National Drug Control Policy, provides funding for the Task Force. The Nevada Task Force has included partial funded a Northern Nevada Prosecutor (Deputy District Attorney) since 2009.

This grant approval request is retroactive due to documentation delays and meeting availability.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 16, 2020, the Board accepted renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of [\$125,000 no match] from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the retroactive period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, with remaining \$47,000 position cost covered by District Attorney General Fund budget.

On October 22, 2019 the Board accepted increased funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of [\$45,000] from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the period July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

The Board has accepted this HIDTA funding since 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Director of The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) designates areas within the United States which exhibit serious drug trafficking problems and harmfully impact other areas of the country as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA). The HIDTA Program provides additional federal resources to those areas to help eliminate or reduce drug trafficking and its harmful consequences. The District Attorney's Office has received funding since February 2009.

This grant approval is retroactive as we were waiting on paperwork and this was the first available meeting date.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Northern Nevada HIDTA Prosecutor.

Scope of the Project: Provide prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Provide a safe community for the residents and visitors of Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: Funding has been in place since 2009. The Deputy D.A. position still has no guarantee of retention should the funding be discontinued.

Award Amount: \$125,000

Grant Period: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021

Funding Source: Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy

Pass through: This is not a sub-award. Funding is received from Nevada HIDTA fiduciary member (Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)

CFDA Number: 95.001

Grant ID Number: G20NV0001A

Match Amount and Type: No match required but any cost exceeding the award will be absorbed by the Deputy District Attorney's budget within cost center 106100.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY2020 District Attorney adopted budget will be increased by \$125,000 both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO 11777 – 2020 HIDTA	431100 - Federal Revenue	\$125,000
IO 11777 – 2020 HIDTA	701412 – Salary Adjustment	\$94,000
IO 11777 – 2020 HIDTA	705360 – Benefit Adjustment	\$31,000

There is no match required for this grant.

Grant funds shall be reported to Las Vegas Metro monthly and drawn as a reimbursement.

Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery.

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 renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of [\$125,000 no match] from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the retroactive period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, with remaining \$47,000 position cost covered by District Attorney General Fund budget, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designees to sign the grant agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of [\$125,000 no match] from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the retroactive period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, with remaining \$47,000 position cost covered by District Attorney General Fund budget, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designees to sign the grant agreement."