



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 12, 2021

**DATE:** Friday, December 11, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Sheriff Darin Balaam

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (2020-DJ-BX-0494), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department [\$64,502.40, no County match required] for purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel inclusive of non-county personnel training and travel for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2023 and if approved, authorize the Sheriff Darin Balaam to sign all award documents and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Reno have previously been individual recipients of Block Grant Funds and Byrne Grant Funds. In 2005, the Department of Justice combined both the Byrne Grants and Block Grants into Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) which require regional applications with one entity acting as fiscal agent of the grant. The City of Reno and Washoe County have agreed that the City of Reno will be the fiscal agent for the JAG grant application.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 22, 2020, the Board approved item #7.D.3., the Department's request to apply for the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (CFDA #16.738), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Reno Police Department and the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department for the Management and Disposition of 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

On April 28, 2020, the Board approved item #6.9., the Department's request to approve the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (2019-DJ-BX-0830), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Reno Police Department [\$63,630.00, no County match required] for purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel, and overtime.

On September 24, 2019, the Board approved item #7.1.3, the Department's request to apply for the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (CFDA #16.738), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Reno Police Department and the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department for the Management and Disposition of 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

On April 23, 2019, the Board approved item #7.E.1., the Department's request to approve the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (2018-DJ-BX-0440), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Reno Police Department [\$57,681.60, no County match required] for purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel, and overtime.

On September 25, 2018, the Board approved item #6.J.3., the Department's request to apply for the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (CFDA #16.738), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Reno Police Department for the anticipated award to the Sheriff's Office of [\$57,681.60, no County match required] to be used for the purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel, and overtime; and approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department for the Management and Disposition of 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

On August 28, 2018, the Board approved item #10.L.7, the Department's request to accept \$52,468.00 in Federal funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG program through a sub grant from the City of Reno, Reno Police Department to cover the costs of law enforcement equipment, travel, and overtime.

On September 26, 2017, the Board approved item #5.G.1., the Department's request to apply for the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (CFDA #16.739), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Reno Police Department. With this funding, WCSO's anticipated award will be [\$52,468.00, no County match required] for purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel, and overtime; and approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department for the Management and Disposition of 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

On June 28, 2016, the Board approved item #5.L.6, the Department's request to accept \$52,340.00 in Federal funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG program through a sub grant from the City of Reno, Reno Police Department to cover the costs of law enforcement equipment, travel, and overtime.

The Board has approved the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) since 2012.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance has merged the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) and Byrne grants to form the new JAG grants. The amount allocated for Northern Nevada was \$161,256.00 with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office receiving \$64,502.40, Reno Police Department receiving \$64,502.40 and Sparks Police Department receiving \$32,251.20. The City of Reno administers the JAG grants on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff, and Sparks Police Department.

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

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *FY20 Local JAG Program*

**Scope of the Project:** *Provide equipment, travel and training*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Better equipped and trained agency*

**On-Going Program Support:** *N/A*

**Award Amount:** *\$64,502.40*

**Grant Period:** *10/1/19 – 9/30/23*

**Funding Source:** *Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)*

**Pass Through Entity:** *Reno Police Department*

**CFDA Number:** *16.738*

**Grant ID Number:** *2020-BJ-BX-0494*

**Match Amount and Type:** *N/A*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *Any equipment purchased will follow 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 adopted budget will be increased by \$64,502.40 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

**Increase Revenues**

11803 - 431100 (Local JAG 20 – Federal Grants) \$ 64,502.40

**Increase Expenditures**

11803 – 710509 (JAG 20 – Training/Seminars) \$ 20,000.00  
11803 – 711210 (JAG 20 – Travel) \$ 10,000.00  
11803 – 711213 (JAG 20 – Travel – Non County Personnel \$ 5,500.00  
11803 – 710212 (JAG 20 – Software Subscription) \$ 20,000.00  
11803 – 710300 (JAG 20 – Equipment Non Capital) \$ 9,002.40

- *No Match Required*
- *Reimbursement*
  - *Upfront cash from General funds*
- *Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery*

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (2020-DJ-BX-0494), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department [\$64,502.40, no County match required] for purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel inclusive of non-county personnel training and travel for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2023 and if approved, authorize the Sheriff Darin Balaam to sign all award documents 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 approve the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (2020-DJ-BX-0494), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department [\$64,502.40, no County match required] for purchase of Law Enforcement equipment, Law Enforcement related training and travel inclusive of non-county personnel training and travel for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2023 and if approved, authorize the Sheriff Darin Balaam to sign all award documents and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."