



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** April 27, 2021

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a FFY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) awarding [\$170,877.00 (\$170,877.00 County match required)] to be used for partial funding for the Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator, consulting services for avalanche and weather advisory services, and other operating expenses for the Regional Emergency Operations Center; retroactive from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021; if approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners is requested to approve the acceptance of a FFY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) awarding [\$170,877.00 (\$170,877.00 County match required)].

The Board annually accepts the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) to fund a portion of the County's Emergency Management program. The State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management has provided this grant award to Washoe County for more than 17 years. The EMPG program provides funding to assist local governments to sustain and enhance all-hazards emergency management activities.

This grant is retroactive due to the delay of the US Department of Homeland Security releasing the funds to the Nevada Division of Emergency Management.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Support a Thriving Community

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

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

**August 18, 2020** - The Board of County Commissioners accepted a Letter of Intent for an 2020 EMPG from the State of Nevada, Department of Emergency Management for \$170,877.00 [with a County match of \$170,877.00]; and directed the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

**November 12, 2019** - The Board approved the letter of intent from NDEM to award \$170,877.00 for EMPG and directed the comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments.

**November 13, 2018** – The Board of County Commissioners accepted a Letter of Intent for an 2018 EMPG from the State of Nevada, Department of Emergency Management for \$170,877.00 [with a County match of \$170,877.00]; and directed the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

The Board has approved this grant for the past 17 years.

## **BACKGROUND**

This grant provides partial funding for the Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator position, consulting services for avalanche and weather advisory services, plan updates, training, supplies, and operating expenses for the Regional Emergency Operations Center.

This grant requires a 100% match.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** FFY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

**Scope of the Project:** The EMPG program provides funding to assist local governments to sustain and enhance all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The benefit of this funding is for emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the region from hazards and disasters.

**On-Going Program Support:** We will continue to seek grant funding to sustain the Emergency Management program.

<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$170,877.00
<b>Grant Period:</b>	October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Department of Homeland Security
<b>Pass Through Entity:</b>	Nevada Division of Emergency Management
<b>CFDA Number:</b>	97.042
<b>Grant ID Number:</b>	97042.20

**Match Amount and Type:** \$115,167.41 – Provided by CC 155110; \$55,709.59 – Provided by WCSO CC 150680

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** \$5,000.00 – Avalanche Service TBD; \$12,500.00 – WebEOC Training; Contractor; \$25,000.00 – Department Emergency Management Training; \$10,000.00 Equipment; \$22,000.00 – Emergency Management Plan Updates

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The FFY 2020 EMPG award amount totals \$170,877 for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021, with the personnel category performance period retroactive from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. In FY20, there were \$58,630.19 in actual expenditures and budget expenditure authority of \$112,246.81 has been accounted for in the FY 21 budget within Internal Order 11634.

This grant requires a 100% cost share (50% federal and 50% county match). The County will provide \$106,051.61 in CC 155110 and \$64,825.39 from WCSO CC 150680, total \$170,877.00. No indirect costs are being recovered.

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 approve a FFY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) awarding [\$170,877.00 (\$170,877.00 County match required)] to be used for partial funding for the Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator, consulting services for avalanche and weather advisory services, and other operating expenses for the Regional Emergency Operations Center; retroactive from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021; if approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to approve a FFY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) awarding [\$170,877.00 (\$170,877.00 County match required)] to be used for partial funding for the Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator, consulting services for avalanche and weather advisory services, and other operating expenses for the Regional Emergency Operations Center; retroactive from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021; if approved, authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received."*