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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 18, 2024

DATE: May 7, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jason Walker, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Division of Public and Behavioral Health amended award, subgrant # SG 26143-1, as administered through State of Nevada, Bureau of Behavioral Health and Wellness and Prevention, [amount of \$31,722.00, no County match required] effective July, 1 2023 through December 31, 2024 to fund the implementation of a new Electronic Health Records system to be used by the Mobile Outreach Safety Team and if approved, retroactively authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is seeking to accept a Division of Public and Behavioral Health amended award, subgrant # SG 26143-1, as administered through State of Nevada, Bureau of Behavioral Health and Wellness and Prevention, [amount of \$31,722.00, no County match required] effective July, 1 2023 through December 31, 2024 to fund the implementation of a new Electronic Health Records system to be used by the Mobile Outreach Safety Team which includes eleven (11) IPAD's with related protective accessories and extends our current contract software for another year to assist our teams in running this software in the field. This amended award adds \$31,722 to the original award of \$77,308.00, has reallocated the funds between budget categories and has extended the project period to December 31, 2024.

The purchase of this system will enable our Washoe County team along with other regional MOST partners to ensure we are providing efficient care to our community. Information sharing is an important gap to address as the physical distance between law enforcement jurisdictions in Northern Nevada is small and similar factors that contribute to behavioral health crises effect community members across jurisdictions, making transience throughout the region by consumers more likely. Having an efficient system that can be used in the field will assist clinicians in their assessment and referral to appropriate community providers while preventing duplication of services.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

Vulnerable Populations: Coordination between agencies and communication of programs

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6.H.1., accepted a Division of Public and Behavioral Health award, subgrant # SG 26143, as administered through State of Nevada, Bureau of Behavioral Health and Wellness and Prevention, [amount not to exceed \$77,308.00, no County match required] effective July, 1 2023 through June 30, 2024 to fund the implementation of a new Electronic Health Records system to be used by the Mobile Outreach Safety Team, and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

On May 17, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #TMP-6173, accepting the transfer of MOST services from the Washoe County Human Services Agency (hereinafter HSA) into the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter WCSO)-Operations Division. The Board of County Commissioners approved on July 20, 2021, a subgrant award in the amount of [\$1,709,550 (\$854,775 per fiscal year); no county match required] from Nevada Clinical Services, Inc. and managed by the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, to provide crisis and jail diversion services through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST). In peer reviewed research it has proven to be a more effective model to have MOST deployed in the field in concert with Law Enforcement to deal with persons experiencing crisis. On September 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved funding in the amount of \$77,308.00 for the first year of system and services.

BACKGROUND

- MOST transitioned to Washoe County Sheriff's Office January 2022, with this transition we lost the use of our data storage under HSA due to limited licensures; in addition, this platform was not functional in the field, nor did it provide the ability to pull stats. Staff had to document this separately duplicating efforts and is an inefficient use of time that could be spent providing services to our community.
- MOST historically has not had an efficient Electronic Health Records system that was accessible in the field and currently has no EHR to store critical information that is needed while in the field providing crisis response.
- MOST is now established with their own dedicated teams at each law enforcement agency providing more coverage within our community and a greater need to collaborate.
- This grant was written to share in efforts across the region related to MOST and the co-response model of crisis response and service delivery to our community.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: 2023 MOST EHR System

Scope of the Project: Immediate access to historical data across three law enforcement agencies in Northern Nevada.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Reduce pressure on the criminal justice system by diverting consumers to rehabilitative programming and linking consumers to mental health and continuum of care resources.

On-Going Program Support: The goal is for all three Law Enforcement agencies to share in the funding of this effort past the grant cycle. In this case each jurisdiction would need to develop a plan to budget for the shared cost or proceed with their portion to ensure a collaborative effort amongst the MOST programs continues.

Award Amount: \$31,722.00

Grant Period: July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Funding Source: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services

Pass Through Entity: Bureau of Behavioral Health and Wellness and Prevention

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 21.027

Grant ID Number: SG 26143-1

Match Amount and Type: None

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 FY24 Sheriff's Office adopted budget will be increased by \$31,722.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12227 2023 MOST EHR System	431100-Federal Grants	\$31,722
IO-12227 2023 MOST EHR System	710212-Software Subscription	\$31,722

- *Funds will be drawn as a reimbursement.*
- *Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners to accept a Division of Public and Behavioral Health amended award, subgrant # SG 26143-1, as administered through State of Nevada, Bureau of Behavioral Health and Wellness and Prevention, [amount of \$31,722.00, no County match required] effective July, 1 2023 through December 31, 2024 to fund the implementation of a new Electronic Health Records system to be used by the Mobile Outreach Safety Team and if approved, retroactively authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents; 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 Division of Public and Behavioral Health amended award, subgrant # SG 26143-1, as administered through State of Nevada, Bureau of Behavioral Health and Wellness and Prevention, [amount of \$31,722.00, no County match required] effective July, 1 2023 through December 31, 2024 to fund the implementation of a new Electronic Health Records system to be used by the Mobile Outreach Safety Team and if approved, retroactively authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."