



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025

**DATE:** August 4, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a 2026 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), United We Stand (UWS) grant for [\$32,000.00, no County match required]. The UWS grant is intended to improve state and local government planning, training, and response capabilities to react to Acts of Terrorism. Grant Term is retroactive to July 21, 2025, through May 30, 2026. If approved, authorize the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chair to execute grant documents and authorize the County Manager or their designee, to sign the Washoe County Sub-Grant Agreements between Washoe County and REMSA Health, per NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$5,128.00] for one (1) Tactical Rope Access and Rescue Equipment; the Reno Police Department, per NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$9,318.00] for twelve (12) Avon Protection Voice Unit Gen with Microphone; and Sparks Police Department, per NRS 244.1505, in the amount of [\$10,000.00] for four (4) PepperBall Launchers; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Manager. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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## SUMMARY

*Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to accept a 2026 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission, UWS grant for [\$32,000.00, no County match required] from the State of Nevada SERC. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will utilize and subgrant these funds to member entities to provide equipment to local first responders and first receivers. Equipment will allow local first responders to be better prepared to effectively respond to acts of terrorism within the region.*

*Staff is requesting a retroactive approval to July 21, 2025, due to timing of new fiscal year and timing of BCC meeting opportunities.*

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

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Economic Impacts Support a thriving community.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

*August 20, 2024 – The Board of County Commissioners approved a 2025 SERC UWS grant for \$32,000.00*

*August 15, 2023 – The Board of County Commissioners approved a 2024 SERC UWS grant for \$38,000.00*

*August 16, 2022 – The Board of County Commissioners approved a 2023 SERC UWS grant for \$31,877.00.*

*August 17, 2021 – The Board of County Commissioners approved a 2022 SERC UWS grant for \$32,000.00.*

*August 31, 2020 – The Board of County Commissioners approved a 2021 SERC UWS grant for \$32,000.00.*

*February 25, 2019 – The Board of County Commissioners approved a 2020 SERC UWS grant for \$30,000.00.*

*September 11, 2018 – The Board of County Commissioners approved a 2019 SERC UWS grant for \$25,000.00.*

*October 24, 2017 – The Board of County Commissioners approved a 2018 SERC UWS grant for \$24,920.00.*

### **BACKGROUND**

*The source of this funding is derived from fees collected from the sale and annual renewal of the United We Stand specialty license plates. The grant provides funding to the Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee for Planning, Training and Equipment purchases. The grant funding intent is to improve state and local government planning, training, and response capabilities to react to Acts of Terrorism.*

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** 2026 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission, United We Stand (UWS) Grant

**Scope of the Project:** To support preparedness to combat terrorism.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The grant will benefit our regional first responders by providing the equipment necessary to conduct an effective response to Acts of Terrorism, protecting the lives and properties of County residents.

**On-Going Program Support:** This annual grant opportunity is for specific deliverables. We will continue to apply for funding annually.

**Award Amount:** \$32,000.00

**Grant Period:** July 21, 2025, through May 30, 2026

**Funding Source:** *Funding is derived from fees collected from the sale and annual renewal of the United We Stand specialty license plates.*

**Pass Through Entity:** *State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)*

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** *Not applicable (State Grant)*

**Grant ID Number:** 26-UWS-16-01

**Match Amount and Type:** *No County match required*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:**

*Washoe County will subgrant to REMSA Health, per NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$5,128.00] for one (1) Tactical Rope Access and Rescue Equipment; the Reno Police Department, per NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$9,318.00] for twelve (12) Avon Protection Voice Unit Gen with Microphone; and Sparks Police Department, per NRS 244.1505, in the amount of [\$10,000.00] for four (4) PepperBall Launchers.*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

*Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the IO 19178 FY 26 UWS in Emergency Management adopted budget will be increased by [\$32,000.00] in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:*

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Emergency Management: FY 26 UWS – State Grant	IO 19178 - 432100	\$32,000.00
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Emergency Management: FY 26 UWS – Subrecipient Payments	IO 19178 - 710119	\$24,446.00
Emergency Management: FY 26 UWS – Equipment – Non-Capital	IO 19178 - 711504	\$7,554.00

All expenditures will be on a reimbursement basis. Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant as no salary, or wages are included in the grant budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a 2026 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), United We Stand (UWS) grant for*

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### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

*"Move to accept a Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), United We Stand (UWS) grant for [\$32,000.00, no County match required]. The UWS grant is intended to improve state and local government planning, training, and response capabilities to react to Acts of Terrorism. Grant Term is retroactive to July 21, 2025, through May 30, 2026. If approved, authorize the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chair to execute grant documents and authorize the County Manager or their designee, to sign the Washoe County Sub-Grant Agreements between Washoe County and REMSA Health, per NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$5,128.00] for one (1) Tactical Rope Access and Rescue Equipment; the Reno Police Department, per NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$9,318.00] for twelve (12) Avon Protection Voice Unit Gen with Microphone; and Sparks Police Department, per NRS 244.1505, in the amount of [\$10,000.00] for four (4) PepperBall Launchers; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."*