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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

DATE: Monday, March 9, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ami Irby, Sergeant, Human Exploitation and Recovery Operations (HERO) Team
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a calendar year 2026 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP) grant award [amount not to exceed \$24,491.00, \$8,188.37 County match required] as administered from the State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General, federal project number 15JOVW-25-GG-00048-STOP, to develop and strengthen effective victim services, law enforcement, and prosecution strategies to combat the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; authorize the Sheriff and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General.

Per County policy, the Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

This grant has been awarded to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and aims to provide support, in the form of resources, referrals, case management, and other services, to victims of human trafficking and exploitation.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations: Support vulnerable populations with a regional approach

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has not previously received funds from the State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP) grant program.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office has been awarded a grant with the Nevada Office of the Attorney General to continue the work of the Human Exploitation and Recovery Operations (HERO) Victim Advocate including providing direct advocacy and case management to human trafficking victims, conducting detention-based assessments to identify and connect with new victims, and expanding outreach and education to WCSO Patrol and Detention Center staff to identify trafficking indicators and better connect victims with advocacy services.

This grant will pay for salary and benefit costs incurred by the HERO Victim Advocate during the grant term. Other supplemental sources of funding are still being identified since this grant will not cover the full salary and benefit costs of this position throughout the grant term. The HERO Victim Advocate is not budgeted for in the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office FY26 budget.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *CY26 VAWA STOP*

Scope of the Project: *Provide support to victims of human trafficking and exploitation*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Increased resources, referrals, and services available for victims of human trafficking and exploitation*

On-Going Program Support: *N/A*

Award Amount: *\$24,491.00*

Grant Period: *1/1/26 - 12/31/26*

Funding Source: *U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women*

Pass Through Entity: *State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *16.588*

Grant ID Number: *2026-VAWA-47*

Match Amount and Type: *\$8,188.37*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *None*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Washoe County Sheriff’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$24,491.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

| Cost Object & Description | G/L Account & Description | Amount |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| IO-12644 CY26 VAWA STOP WCSO HERO | 431100 – Federal Grants | \$24,491.00 |
| IO-12644 CY26 VAWA STOP WCSO HERO | 701412 – Salary Adjustment | \$17,126.58 |
| IO-12644 CY26 VAWA STOP WCSO HERO | 705360 – Benefit Adjustment | \$7,364.42 |

- \$8,188.37 match required, will be fulfilled with regular hours worked
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a calendar year 2026 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP) grant award [amount not to exceed \$24,491.00, \$8,188.37 County match required] as administered from the State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General, federal project number 15JOVW-25-GG-00048-STOP, to develop and strengthen effective victim services, law enforcement, and prosecution strategies to combat the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; authorize the Sheriff and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the award document; and direct Finance 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 calendar year 2026 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP) grant award [amount not to exceed \$24,491.00, \$8,188.37 County match required] as administered from the State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General, federal project number 15JOVW-25-GG-00048-STOP, to develop and strengthen effective victim services, law enforcement, and prosecution strategies to combat the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; authorize the Sheriff and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."