



# Office of the County Manager

## Federal Legislative Activity Report – 3rd Quarter 2025

As specified in the *Washoe County Federal Legislative Principles and Lobbying Practices for the 119<sup>th</sup> United States Congress* approved by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners on January 14, 2025, the following is a summary of the federal legislative activities of Washoe County staff, contract lobbyists and elected officials during the third quarter of calendar year 2025.

### **July 2025**

- Washoe County staff and contract lobbyist (Porter Group) provided information to the members of our congressional delegation regarding the impact of a delayed release of Homeland Security Grants Program and/or Emergency Management Performance Grants.
- Notice was received that the House Commerce, Justice and Science Subcommittee awarded an appropriation of \$3M to Washoe County to purchase a Mobile Command Intelligence Vehicle.

### **August 2025**

- Washoe county staff and contract lobbyist (Porter Group) continued to provide information to our congressional delegation members about the potential impact in/to Washoe County of proposed cuts to key federal programs that provide services and support to vulnerable populations.

### **September 2025**

- Washoe County submitted requests to Senator Cortez Masto, to Senator Rosen, and to Congressman Amodei to support H.R. 4669 (the FEMA Act). The bill makes FEMA a cabinet-level agency of its own, with a Senate-confirmed agency head. Additionally, the bill would:
  - Make the disaster assistance application universal and standardized.
  - Change the disaster recovery financial assistance program from the current reimbursement model to a grant model so that counties and emergency authorities can more easily and quickly act on disaster recovery efforts.
  - Create a public dashboard for disaster recovery funding applications so that counties and individuals can see the pipeline of progress and where there might be holdups.
  - Modernize and strengthen the mitigation program to help prevent disasters from devastating public services, utilities and infrastructure, ultimately saving money and lives.
- Interim County Manager Thomas and Washoe County staff met with staff from Senator Cortez Masto's office to provide further detail regarding the impacts in/to Washoe County from cuts to key federal programs, including the closure of the Senior Community Service Employment Program, cancellation of funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and solar projects, cuts to the Vaccines for Children grant, and



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the claw-back of funding that was to be used for operation of the community's only crisis intervention center.