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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026

DATE: July 28, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Francisco Ceballos, Emergency Management Program Coordinator
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a 2027 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission, United We Stand grant for [\$32,000.00, no County match required]. The grant is intended to improve state and local government planning, training, and response capabilities to react to Acts of Terrorism. Grant term is retroactive from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. If approved, authorize the Local Emergency Planning Committee Chair to execute grant documents and authorize the County Manager or her designee, to sign the Washoe County Sub-Grant Agreements pursuant to NRS 244.1505 between Washoe County and (i) Reno Fire Department, in the amount of [\$9,943.54] for forty-eight (48) Level 3A Ballistic Helmets; (ii) Reno Police Department, in the amount of [\$5,900.00] for one (1) M3-PP Level 3++ Ballistic Shield; and (iii) the Sparks Police Department, in the amount of [\$6,408.46] for two (2) BlueRidge Armor Shields; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Manager. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to accept a 2027 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), United We Stand (UWS) grant for [\$32,000.00, no County match required]. Grant term is retroactive from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The BCC is further requested to authorize the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chair to execute grant documents and authorize the County Manager or her designee, to sign the Washoe County Sub-Grant Agreements between Washoe County and Reno Fire Department, Reno Police Department and Sparks Police Department. Direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

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.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Staff is requesting a retroactive due to timing of new fiscal year and timing of BCC meeting opportunities.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

August 26, 2025 – The Board of County Commissioners approved a 2026 SERC UWS grant for \$32,000.00

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.

The Board has approved this grant early since 2007.

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: 2027 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 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027*

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: 27-UWS-16-01

Match Amount and Type: *No County match required*

Sub-Awards and Contracts:

Washoe County will subgrant to Reno Fire Department, per NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$9,943.54] for forty-eight (48) Ballistic Helmets; the Reno Police Department, per NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$5,900.00] for one (1) Level 3 Ballistic Shield; and Sparks Police Department, per NRS 244.1505, in the amount of [\$6,408.46] for two (2) BlueRidge Armor Shield

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve the associated budget amendments, the FY 27 Office of the County Manager adopted budget will be increased by \$32,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Description	Cost Object - G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
Emergency Management: FY 27 UWS – State Grant	IO 19183 - 432100	\$32,000.00
Expenditures:		
Emergency Management: FY 27 UWS – Subrecipient Payments	IO 19183 - 710119	\$22,252.00
Emergency Management: FY 27 UWS – Equipment – Non-Capital	IO 19183 - 711504	\$9,748.00

All expenditures will be on a reimbursement basis. Initial funding will be provided by general fund. Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the BCC approve a FY 2027 UWS grant from the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission. SERC is awarding [\$32,000, no County match required], with a grant term retroactive from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Staff further recommends that the BCC further authorize the LEPC Chair to execute grant documents and authorize the County Manager or her designee, to sign the Washoe County Sub-Grant Agreements between Washoe County and Reno Fire Department, Reno Police Department and Sparks Police Department. Authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant award documents when received. Approve Resolution necessary for same; 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 approve the FY 2027 UWS grant from SERC in the amount of [\$32,000.00, no County match required] with a grant term retroactive from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Authorize the (LEPC) Chair to execute grant documents and authorize the County Manager or her designee, to sign the Washoe County Sub-Grant Agreements between Washoe County and Reno Fire Department, Reno Police Department and Sparks Police Department. Approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”