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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: November 28, 2023

DATE: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Andrew Barrett-Venn, Captain, Washoe County Sheriff's Office
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a grant award from The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Award (LEMHWA), Award No 15JCOPS-23-GG-01836-LEMH [amount not to exceed $122,268.00, No County match required], to cover costs related to expanding the capabilities of the WCSO Peer Support Team through education and increasing peer support team awareness throughout the WCSO, for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). Per county policy, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Peer Support Team $122,268.00 via FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Award (LEMHWA). The Washoe County Sheriff's Office will utilize this grant to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for WCSO employees through expanding the capabilities and awareness of the Peer Support Team.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Support a Thriving Community

PREVIOUS ACTION

N/A

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The WCSO Peer Support Team has grown and diversified significantly over the last few years, and currently consists of 59 members from most units and divisions within the WCSO. Therefore, the first goal of this award is to utilize funds to provide core and advanced training to the entire team ensuring (1) high quality consistent practices and (2) the spread of duties and contacts within the team, thus preventing burn-out. A highly trained peer support team will have the ability to identify, support, and provide the appropriate resources to those employees that are in need. Positive interactions with highly trained peer support team members will also be integral in changing the stigma associated with asking for help. Funding to send 5 team leads to the Wellness on the Front Line 2024 Conference in San Diego, will ensure that we are staying abreast of the advancements within this field and create valuable connections within the peer support community. Our second goal is to increase peer support team awareness throughout the WCSO by providing peer support team hosted presentations, peer support inscribed pens to all employees, peer support business cards and peer support inscribed clothing.

Reason for retroactive submittal: Item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once award paperwork was received and processed.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Award (LEMHWA)*

Scope of the Project: *Enhance the WCSO Peer Support Team Capabilities and Awareness*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents*:* *A healthy workforce will be better able to serve our community*

On-Going Program Support: *N/A.*

Award Amount: *$122,268.00*

Grant Period: *10/1/23-9/30/25*

Funding Source: The U.S. Department of Justice

Pass through From: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

CFDA Number: *16.710*

Grant ID Number: 15JCOPS-23-GG-01836-LEMH

Match Amount and Type: *None*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Contracts will use the Washoe County grant procurement processes compliant with *2 CFR 200.317-200.326.*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY24 budget will be increased by *$122,268.00* in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-TBD FY 23 LEMHWA	431100 Federal Grants	$122,268.00
IO-TBD FY 23 LEMHWA	711210 Travel	$ 9,885.00
IO-TBD FY 23 LEMHWA	710300 Operating Supplies	$ 8,384.00
IO-TBD FY 23 LEMHWA	710100 Professional Services	$103,999.00

There is no cash match required for this grant funding. This is reimbursement-based funding.

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a grant award from The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Award (LEMHWA), Award No 15JCOPS-23-GG-01836-LEMH [amount not to exceed $122,268.00, No County match required], to cover costs related to expanding the capabilities of the WCSO Peer Support Team through education and increasing peer support team awareness throughout the WCSO, for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and 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 grant award from The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Award (LEMHWA), Award No 15JCOPS-23-GG-01836-LEMH [amount not to exceed $122,268.00, No County match required], to cover costs related to expanding the capabilities of the WCSO Peer Support Team through education and increasing peer support team awareness throughout the WCSO, for the retroactive grant

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