



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

**DATE:** March 23, 2026

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a FFY 2023 Department of Homeland Security grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program from the State of Nevada, Office of Emergency Management (NVOEM) awarding [\$14,090.59, no County match required], for installation of cabling from the REOC's IT room to the coordination room. Grant term is retroactive to March 2, 2026, through August 31, 2026. If approved, authorize the County Manager or her designee, to sign the grant award documents 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 FFY 2023 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant DHS grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). SHSP from the State of Nevada, Office of Emergency Management (NVOEM) awarding [\$14,090.59, no County match required]; for installation of cabling from the REOC's IT room to the coordination room. Grant term is retroactive to March 2, 2026, through August 31, 2026. The BCC is further requested to authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant award documents when received and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.*

*The State of Nevada, Office of Emergency Management has provided this grant award to Washoe County for more than 14 years.*

*This grant is retroactive due to de-obligated FFY 2023 SHSP grants funds becoming available.*

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

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

*October 14, 2025 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the De-obligated FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$50,036.00.*

*December 17, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$166,000.00.*

*December 17, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$191,765.83.*

*May 21, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$6,288.08.*

*February 27, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$46,666.00.*

*December 19, 2023 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$197,888.36.*

*December 13, 2022 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$185,000.00.*

*December 14, 2021 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$180,000.00.*

*December 8, 2020 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2020 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$195,000.00.*

*November 12, 2019 – The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2019 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$125,000.00.*

*November 13, 2018 – The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2018 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$150,000.00.*

*December 12, 2017 – The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$115,000.00.*

## **BACKGROUND**

The grant will be used to enhance the REOC through updated cabling. During the Davis Fire, additional cabling needs were identified, and these funds will ensure the REOC is properly equipped to operate effectively during future disasters, particularly for our situational status section. This scope aligns with Homeland Security Grant Program priorities and strengthens Washoe County's overall emergency response and resilience.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *FFY 2023 SHSP Situation Status to Homeland Security*

**Scope of the Project:** *It captures the core goal of enhancing preparedness, coordination, and response across multiple emergency scenarios*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *This grant will benefit in disaster preparedness, information sharing, and interagency coordination to better serve the residents of Washoe County.*

**On-Going Program Support:** *This will be a one-time cost. Additional support can be supported by Washoe County IT.*

**Award Amount:** \$14,090.59

**Grant Period:** March 2, 2026, through August 31, 2026

**Funding Source:** Department of Homeland Security

**Pass Through Entity:** Nevada Office of Emergency Management

**CFDA Number:** 97.067

**Grant ID Number:** EMW-2023-SS-000-44

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

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:**

*Platform purchases will follow the County’s process, and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Guidance.*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve the associated budget amendments, the FY 26 Office of the County Manager (Emergency Management) adopted budget will be increased [\$14,090.59] in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost Object - G/L Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Emergency Management: FFY 2023 SHSP Situation Status to Homeland Security	12653 - 432100 – State Grant	\$14,090.59
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Emergency Management: FFY 2023 SHSP Situation Status to Homeland Security	12653 - 710100 – Professional Services	\$14,090.59

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 the grant award for the FFY 2023 DHS grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from the State of Nevada, Office of Emergency Management (NVOEM) awarding [\$14,090.59, no County match required]. Grant term retroactive from March 2, 2026, to August 31, 2026. Staff further recommends that the BCC authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant award documents when received 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 a FFY 2023 Department of Homeland Security DHS grant passed through SHSP from Nevada, Office of Emergency Management awarding [\$14,090.59, no County match required], with a retroactive grant term from March 2, 2026, to August 31, 2026, and authorize the County Manager or her designee, to sign the grant award documents and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”*