



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 17, 2026

DATE: February 25, 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 Letter of Intent for the FFY 2025 Department of Homeland Security grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program. Letter of Intent provides the State of Nevada, Office of Emergency Management will be awarding [\$213,000.00, no County match required], for the Perimeter Platform, a situational awareness and communications platform. The Grant term is retroactive from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2027. If approved, authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant award documents when received 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 approve a Letter of Intent for the FFY 2025 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). The Letter of Intent states State of Nevada, Office of Emergency Management the OEM is awarding Washoe County [\$213,000.00, no County match required] for FFY 2025 with a grant term retroactive from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2027. 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.

Letter of Intent is to ensure Perimeter, the program of enhancing situational awareness, increasing citizen preparedness and strengthening operational communications continues to operate while Washoe County waits for the award documents.

The grant is retroactive due to delays from the Federal shutdowns.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The Board has accepted Homeland Security Grant Awards for the past 13 years.

February 27, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$46,666.00 for the Situational Awareness & Communications Platform Project.

January 16, 2024 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$89,183.67 for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache.

December 19, 2023 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount of \$197,888.36 for the Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government project.

December 13, 2022 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$123,948.00 for the Animal Shelter Trailers Project.

December 13, 2022 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$185,000.00 for the Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government project.

December 14, 2021 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$75,000.00 to continue funding of one (1) existing Program Assistant position within Emergency Management.

December 14, 2021 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$180,000.00 for the Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government project.

BACKGROUND

During disasters, situational awareness can be difficult. The Perimeter Platform Project will enhance situational awareness by both responders and the public to ensure the right actions are being taken given the situation. This Project will increase citizen preparedness for disasters, strengthen operational coordination among responders, and facilitate increased information sharing with the public.

This grant requires no match.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FFY 2025 Perimeter Platform*

Scope of the Project: *The grant will maintain the pilot program of enhancing situational awareness, increasing citizen preparedness and strengthening operational communications.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *The benefit of this funding is to enhance situational awareness, increase citizen preparedness and strengthen operational*

communication for the protection of life and property in the region from hazards and disasters.

On-Going Program Support: *If additional program support is needed past the enhancement phase, we will continue to seek grant funding.*

Award Amount: \$213,000.00

Grant Period: October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027

Funding Source: Department of Homeland Security

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Division of Emergency Management

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: TBD

Grant ID Number: TBD

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *Platform purchases will follow the County’s competitive bid process, and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Guidance.*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this letter of intent for the grant award and approve the associated budget amendments, the FY 26 Office of the County Manager adopted budget will be increased by \$213,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Description	Cost Object - G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
Emergency Management: FFY 2025 SHSP Perimeter – Federal Grant	IO 12645 – 431100 – Federal Grants	\$213,000.00
Expenditures:		
Emergency Management: FFY 2025 SHSP Perimeter – Professional Services	IO 12645 – 710100- Professional Services	\$213,000.00

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 the Letter of Intent for the FFY 2025 DHS grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). The Letter of Intent states

OEM is awarding [\$213,000.00, no County match required] for FFY 2025 with a grant term retroactive from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2027. 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 Letter of Intent for the FFY 2025 DHS grant passed through the SHSP in the amount of [\$213,000.00, no County match required] with a grant term is retroactive from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2027 and authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant award documents when received and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”