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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 16, 2024

DATE: Friday, March 1, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ami Irby, Sergeant/Patrol Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept an equipment donation and grant award of [2] Sotoxa Oral Fluid Testing Devices valued at \$4,900 each with 25 oral fluid testing cartridges valued at \$625 for a total value of \$10,425 from the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be utilized for driving under the influence (drugs) investigations. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) is seeking approval to accept an equipment donation and grant award of [2] Sotoxa Oral Fluid Testing Devices with 25 oral fluid testing cartridges from the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The equipment will be used by members of the Sheriff's Office for DUI drug investigations.

Department Strategic Objective supported by this item: Leverage Technology

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is participating in a grant project with the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety evaluating Sotoxa Oral Fluid testing device's effectiveness in roadside DUI drug investigations. WCSO is collecting and providing Sotoxa testing data to the Nevada Office of Traffic and Safety through December 31, 2024. The equipment becomes the property of the WCSO upon the execution of the grant agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

Nevada Office of Traffic Safety will donate the Sotoxa devices and an initial supply of testing cartridges. After this initial supply of testing cartridges is depleted the Washoe

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County Sheriff's Office will be responsible for the ongoing purchase of test cartridges as needed and care and maintenance of the devices.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept an equipment donation and grant award of [2] Sotoxa Oral Fluid Testing Devices with 25 oral testing cartridges from the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be utilized for driving under the influence (drugs) investigations."