



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Garrett Bird, Sergeant, Search & Rescue Division  
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**THROUGH:** Darin Balaam, Sheriff

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a fiscal year 2026 U.S. Forest Service grant award [amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, no County match required] as administered from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, federal project number 26-LE-11041700-017, for patrol of U.S. Forest Service designated roads, campgrounds, developed sites, or dispersed areas for the retroactive grant period of February 13, 2026 through January 31, 2031; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Per County policy, the Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

These funds from the USDA Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will be used to reimburse Washoe County Sheriff's Office for overtime costs incurred while involved in the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Fiscal Sustainability:  
Efficient delivery of regional services

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 14, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 8.I.1., an additional \$13,000.00 of U.S. Forest Service funding as administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for overtime costs incurred while involved in the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement #21-LE-11041700-005.

On September 17, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 9.D.1., an additional \$6,500.00 of U.S. Forest Service funding as administered through the U.S.

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

Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for overtime costs incurred while involved in the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement #21-LE-11041700-005.

On May 28, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 7.H.1., an additional \$6,500.00 of U.S. Forest Service funding as administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for overtime costs incurred while involved in the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement #21-LE-11041700-005.

On June 20, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 8.I.2., an additional \$13,000.00 of U.S. Forest Service funding as administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for overtime costs incurred while involved in the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement #21-LE-11041700-005.

On March 8, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 5.G.1., an additional \$13,000.00 of U.S. Forest Service funding as administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for overtime costs incurred while involved in the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement #21-LE-11041700-005.

On September 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 6.G.1., an additional \$13,600.00 of U.S. Forest Service funding as administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for overtime costs incurred while involved in the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement #21-LE-11041700-005.

The Board has been approving funding for agreements between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the USDA Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest since 2016.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is a cooperator with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Funds are allocated to cover overtime costs incurred while involved in the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement. During peak season of Memorial Day to Labor Day, Washoe County Sheriff's Office deputies patrol U.S. Forest Service designated roads, campgrounds, developed sites, and dispersed areas periodically. Time associated with these patrols will be reimbursed.

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

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *FY26 USDA Forest Service*

**Scope of the Project:** *Patrol of U.S. Forest Service designated roads, campgrounds, developed sites, or dispersed areas*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Increased protection and surveillance of National Forest Areas within and surrounding Washoe County*

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

**Award Amount:** *\$10,000.00*

**Grant Period:** *2/13/26 – 1/31/31*

**Funding Source:** *U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest*

**Pass Through Entity:** *N/A*

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** *10.704*

**Grant ID Number:** *26-LE-11041700-017*

**Match Amount and Type:** *None*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *None*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Washoe County Sheriff’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$10,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IO-12649 FY26 USDA Forest Service	431100 – Federal Grants	\$10,000.00
IO-12649 FY26 USDA Forest Service	701300 – Overtime	\$10,000.00

- No match required
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a fiscal year 2026 U.S. Forest Service grant award [amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, no County match required] as administered from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, federal project number 26-LE-11041700-017, for patrol of U.S. Forest Service designated roads, campgrounds, developed sites, or dispersed areas for the retroactive grant period of February 13, 2026 through January 31, 2031; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; 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 accept a fiscal year 2026 U.S. Forest Service grant award [amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, no County match required] as administered from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, federal project number 26-LE-11041700-017, for patrol of U.S. Forest Service designated roads,

campgrounds, developed sites, or dispersed areas for the retroactive grant period of February 13, 2026 through January 31, 2031; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”