



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

DATE: Wednesday, May 07, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Samuel Van Der Wall, Detective Sergeant
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a fiscal year 2023 Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$297,312.52, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number EMW-2023-CY-00008-S01, for the purchase of training, equipment, and UPS replacement for the retroactive grant period of May 29, 2025 through November 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the State of Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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 the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The State of Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, and Homeland Security has awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office funding for the purchase of training, equipment, and UPS replacement to enhance the Northern Nevada Cyber Center's capabilities to address and mitigate cybersecurity threats to ensure the security and resilience of critical infrastructure in Northern Nevada.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations: Support vulnerable populations with a regional approach

PREVIOUS ACTION

This is the first time the Washoe County Sheriff's Office has received an award through the State of Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management's State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP).

The Board of County Commissioners has accepted an annual Cyber Security Grant Program award on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office through one of the State

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of Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management's other grant programs, the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), since 2004.

BACKGROUND

The Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management has historically funded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of forensic software and licenses for the Northern Nevada Cyber Center that will enhance the Cyber Center's ability to investigate cyber security breaches resulting in criminal behavior.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office dedicates personnel to investigating cyber-related matters and partners with federal and state law enforcement combining our resources and experience. Cyber events involving security breaches usually evolve into criminal acts. Areas addressed include cyber forensics and cyber intrusion prevention. Most of the funding received will be used to address gaps in cyber defense and increasing the understanding of cyber threats and mitigation actions.

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

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FY23 DEM SLCGP Cybersecurity*

Scope of the Project: *Purchase training, equipment, and UPS replacement*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *A better-equipped and more well-trained agency with enhanced capabilities to address and mitigate cybersecurity threats*

On-Going Program Support: *N/A*

Award Amount: *\$297,312.52*

Grant Period: *05/29/25 – 11/30/26*

Funding Source: *Nevada Office of the Military*

Pass Through Entity: *Nevada Division of Emergency Management*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *97.137*

Grant ID Number: *9713723*

Match Amount and Type: *N/A*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *Any equipment or supplies purchased will follow Washoe County grant procurement processes compliant with 2 CFR 200.317-200.326*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY25 Washoe County Sheriff’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$297,312.52 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

| Cost Object & Description | G/L Account & Description | Amount |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| IO -19175 FY23 DEM SLCGP Cybersecurity | 431100 – Federal Grants | \$297,312.52 |
| IO -19175 FY23 DEM SLCGP Cybersecurity | 710212 – Software Subscription | \$158,550.52 |
| IO -19175 FY23 DEM SLCGP Cybersecurity | 711504 – Equipment Non-Capital | \$40,000.00 |
| IO -19175 FY23 DEM SLCGP Cybersecurity | 711210 – Travel | \$13,620.00 |
| IO -19175 FY23 DEM SLCGP Cybersecurity | 710509 – Seminars and Meetings | \$85,142.00 |

- No match required
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a fiscal year 2023 Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$297,312.52, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number EMW-2023-CY-00008-S01, for the purchase of training, equipment, and UPS replacement for the retroactive grant period of May 29, 2025 through November 30, 2026; 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 2023 Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$297,312.52, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number EMW-2023-CY-00008-S01, for the purchase of training, equipment, and UPS replacement for the retroactive grant period of May 29, 2025 through November 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”