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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026

DATE: July 17, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a FFY 2025 Department of Homeland Security grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program. 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 September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027. If approved, authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant award documents when received. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to approve a FFY 2025 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). State of Nevada, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is awarding Washoe County [\$213,000.00, no County match required] for FFY 2025 with a grant term retroactive from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027. The BCC is further requested to authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant award.

Grant supports the continued operation of the Perimeter Platform Project ("Perimeter"), which, enhances situational awareness, increases citizen preparedness and strengthens operational communications.

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

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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

March 17, 2026 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Letter of Intent in the amount for \$213,000.00 for the Situational Awareness & Communications Platform Project.

December 17, 2025 - The Board of County Commissioners approved the FFY 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount for \$166,666.00 for the Situational Awareness & Communications Platform Project.

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. Perimeter will enhance situational awareness by both responders and the public to ensure the right actions are being taken given the situation. Perimeter 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: September 1, 2025, through August 31 September 30, 2027

Funding Source: Department of Homeland Security

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Office of Emergency Management

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 97.067

Grant ID Number: EMW-2025-SS-05056

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 grant award, no budget adjustments will be necessary. The adopted FY27 budget already includes sufficient authority under Internal Order FFY 25 SHSP Perimeter (IO 12645), as shown below. Perimeter funding is requested annually through Homeland Security funds passed through the State of Nevada for statewide use. If that funding source becomes unavailable, alternative funding would be identified to maintain Perimeter coverage for the county only. If no additional funding can be secured, the subscription would be discontinued, and staff would coordinate with the vendor to demobilize the application for Washoe County.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the BCC approve a FFY 2025 DHS grant passed through the State Homeland Security Program. OEM is awarding [\$213,000.00, no County match required], for FFY 2025 with grant term retroactive from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027. Staff further recommends that the BCC authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant award documents when received.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the FFY 2025 DHS grant passed through the SHSP in the amount of [\$213,000.00, no County match required] with a grant term retroactive from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027, and authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant award documents when received.