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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 16, 2025

DATE: Wednesday, August 13, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jon Miller, Sergeant, Traffic Unit
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a fiscal year 2026 Office of Traffic Safety grant award [amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, \$3,750.00 County match required] as administered from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety, Federal FY 2026 project number 69A37524300004020NV0, to enhance traffic enforcement in school zones within the Washoe County School District; provide education to students on best practices for walking, bicycling, and using other modes of non-motorized travel to arrive at school safely; and provide information to vehicle operators on safe driving behaviors to practice in and around school zones and school routes for the grant period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; 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

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety.

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.

This grant has been awarded to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and seeks to reduce the number of vehicle accidents involving pedestrians in school zones. Washoe County Sheriff's Office is a partnering agency in this statewide initiative through increased speed enforcement within Washoe County School Zones.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 22, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 11.G.2., \$5,000.00 of Office of Traffic Safety funding from the State of Nevada Department of

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Public Safety for School Zone traffic events for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

On December 19, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 8.I.1., \$18,000.00 of Office of Traffic Safety funding from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety for School Zone traffic events for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

On April 25, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 7.D.2., \$21,525.00 of Office of Traffic Safety funding from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety for School Zone traffic events for the retroactive grant period of March 29, 2023, through September 30, 2023.

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners has accepted the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety funding in support of school zone traffic enforcement since 2023.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant with the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety to deploy dedicated speed enforcement throughout Washoe County to reduce the number of vehicle accidents involving pedestrians in school zones.

This grant will pay for overtime costs incurred by commissioned staff for the speed enforcement for the duration of the grant period through September 30, 2026.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FY26 OTS School Zone*

Scope of the Project: *Enhance traffic enforcement in school zones within the Washoe County School District; provide education to students on best practices for walking, bicycling, and using other modes of non-motorized travel to arrive at school safely; and provide information to vehicle operators on safe driving behaviors to practice in and around school zones and school routes.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Safer roads for our community, and a reduction in speed-related accidents in school zones.*

On-Going Program Support: *N/A*

Award Amount: *\$15,000.00*

Grant Period: *10/1/25 – 9/30/26. Per Grantor, the date of agreement execution is not the effective date of authorization. Washoe County will receive an official notification of authorization to proceed on 10/1/2025.*

Funding Source: *U.S. Department of Transportation*

Pass Through Entity: *State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 20.600

Grant ID Number: TSEP-2026-WCSO-2016

Match Amount and Type: \$3,750.00 in-kind

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 \$15,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12577 FY26 OTS School Zone	431100 – Federal Grants	\$15,000.00
IO-12577 FY26 OTS School Zone	701300 – Overtime	\$15,000.00

- 25% match required, will be fulfilled with regular hours worked
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a fiscal year 2026 Office of Traffic Safety grant award [amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, \$3,750.00 County match required] as administered from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety, Federal FY 2026 project number 69A37524300004020NV0, to enhance traffic enforcement in school zones within the Washoe County School District; provide education to students on best practices for walking, bicycling, and using other modes of non-motorized travel to arrive at school safely; and provide information to vehicle operators on safe driving behaviors to practice in and around school zones and school routes for the grant period of October 1, 2025 through September 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 2026 Office of Traffic Safety grant award [amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, \$3,750.00 County match required] as administered from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety, Federal FY 2026 project number 69A37524300004020NV0, to enhance traffic enforcement in school zones within the Washoe County School District; provide education to students on best practices for walking, bicycling, and using other modes of non-motorized travel to arrive at school safely; and provide information to vehicle operators on safe driving behaviors to practice in and around school zones and school routes for the grant period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."