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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 28, 2025

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 17, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Darin Balaam, Sheriff

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a private grant award of up to \$3,300,401.14 from the Dave and Cheryl Duffield Foundation, on a reimbursement basis, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to support the Incline Law Enforcement Team operations beginning July 1, 2026 and continuing annually thereafter, subject to mutual agreement between the parties. Sheriff. (Commission District 1.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) seeks approval to accept a private grant of up to \$3,300,401.14 from Dave and Cheryl Duffield to support the continued operations of the Incline Law Enforcement Team beginning in FY27.

This grant is intended to be renewed and funded annually in future fiscal years, provided both parties agree to continue the arrangement, and the project continues to operate as described. The grant operates on a reimbursement basis with quarterly reimbursement requests supported by documentation of expenditures.

### **WASHOE COUNTY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM**

Safe, Secure, and Healthy Communities.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On November 14, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 22, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Recommendation to accept the 2024 Incline Traffic Motor Unit Grant extension from the Dave and Cheryl Duffield Foundation [amount not to exceed \$412,803.90 no match required] to be used to pay for two (2) full time deputy sheriffs, associated operating expenses, and equipment retroactive for the grant period of September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024.

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

On April 25, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 13, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Recommendation to accept the 2023-2028 Incline Village High School Resource Officer's Grant from Dave and Cheryl Duffield [amount not to exceed \$2,728,462.25, no match required] to be used to pay for two (2) full-time deputy sheriffs, associated operating expenses, equipment, and two (2) vehicles to be utilized by said deputy sheriffs, for the grant period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2028.

On February 9, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 10, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Recommendation to accept the 2021-2026 Incline Village Law Enforcement Team Grant from Dave and Cheryl Duffield [amount not to exceed \$11,743,336.00, no match required] to be used to pay for one full time Captain, one full time Lieutenant, 4 full time Sergeants, and 5 full time Deputy Sheriffs, associated operating expenses, equipment and 7 vehicles to be stationed in Incline Village for the grant period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2026.

On August 18, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 11, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office recommendation to accept the 2021-2023 Incline Traffic Motor Unit Grant from the Dave and Cheryl Duffield Foundation [amount not to exceed \$1,089,090.44, no match required] to be used to pay for two full time deputies, equipment, and a winter vehicle to be stationed in Incline Village for the grant period of September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2023.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Incline Law Enforcement Team was established to address the unique law enforcement needs of the Incline Village and Crystal Bay communities in Commission District 1. These communities experience significant seasonal population fluctuations, as well as tourism-driven law enforcement demands, and require coordination with multiple regional partners.

Dave and Cheryl Duffield, long-time residents of Incline Village, have generously offered to fund the Incline Law Enforcement Team operations beginning in FY27 in the amount of up to \$3,300,401.14 annually. The grant intends to continue funding in future fiscal years, covering salaries, benefits, equipment as well as other expenses, contingent upon mutual agreement between the parties that the program remains effective and aligned with its original purpose.

The grant agreement requires quarterly and annual progress reports and regular meetings between the Sheriff (or designee) and the Duffields' representatives to review plans, funding needs, and performance. All reporting will be available upon public records request.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *Incline Law Enforcement Team Operations – FY27 and Future Years*

**Scope of the Project:** *Sustain and support full operational law enforcement staffing and services in Incline Village/Crystal Bay.*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Improved public safety presence, faster response times, and enhanced community policing for residents and visitors in Incline Village and Crystal Bay.*

**On-Going Program Support:** *This grant is intended to be renewed annually, subject to mutual agreement between the Duffields and WCSO, to ensure sustained funding and operational continuity.*

**Award Amount:** *Up to \$3,300,401.14 per fiscal year*

**Grant Period:** *Beginning July 1, 2026 (FY27), with renewal annually upon agreement*

**Funding Source:** *Private donation from Dave and Cheryl Duffield*

**Match Requirement:** *None*

**Pass Through Entity / CFDA:** *N/A (private grant)*

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

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award there will be no additional fiscal impact to the FY26 Washoe County Sheriff's Office adopted budget. As this funding is effective July 1, 2026, the necessary budget authority will be included in the FY27 recommend budget as part of the annual budget process.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a private grant award of up to \$3,300,401.14 from Dave and Cheryl Duffield to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to support the Incline Law Enforcement Team operations beginning July 1, 2026 and continuing annually thereafter, subject to mutual agreement between the parties.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a private grant award of up to \$3,300,401.14 from Dave and Cheryl Duffield to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to support the Incline Law Enforcement Team operations beginning July 1, 2026 and continuing annually thereafter, subject to mutual agreement between the parties.