



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 10, 2026

**DATE:** December 10, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Sheriff Darin Balaam, Sheriff's Office  
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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a Justice Assistance Grant award [amount not to exceed \$29,094.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, project number 22-JAG-46, to cover the cost of upfitting a response vehicle for the Consolidated Bomb Squad, Special Operations Division, for the retroactive grant period of January 01, 2026 through September 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

The Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management has awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office funding for the purchase of equipment and supplies for the Consolidated Bomb Squad. The equipment will enhance and increase our Bomb Squad Unit's ability to safely respond and assist in rescue efforts involving suspected explosives associated with biological or chemical substances.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, secure and healthy communities.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

December 17, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7.F.1. the Sheriff's Office request to retroactively accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$210,000.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2024 project number 97067.24, to the Washoe

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

County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and travel and training for county/non-county employees for the Consolidated Bomb Squad for the grant term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the Justice Assistance Grant to our Special Operations Division to allow the Consolidated Bomb Squad to upfit and enhance the squad's response vehicle. The Bomb Squad provides emergency response and mitigation to incidents that are suspected to be explosive in nature and/or are affiliated with biological or chemical substances. The equipment will enhance and increase our Bomb Squad Unit's ability to safely respond and assist in rescue efforts involving suspected explosives associated with biological or chemical substances in our community.

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

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *Consolidated Bomb Squad Response Vehicle Upfit*

**Scope of the Project:** *Purchase of Equipment and Supplies*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Increase safety to citizens of Washoe County*

**On-Going Program Support:** *None*

**Award Amount:** *\$29,094.00*

**Grant Period:** *January 01, 2026 through September 30, 2026*

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

**Pass Through Entity:** *State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance*

**CFDA Number:** *16.738*

**Grant ID Number:** *22-JAG-46*

**Match Amount and Type:** *No Match*

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Sheriff’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$29,094.00 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-12616 FY25 OCJA JAG Bomb Vehicle Upfit	431100-Federal Grants	\$ 29,094.00
IO-12616 FY25 OCJA JAG Bomb Vehicle Upfit	781007-Vehicles Capital	\$ 29,094.00

- *No Match*
- *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 Justice Assistance Grant award [amount not to exceed \$29,094.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, project number 22-JAG-46, to cover the cost of upfitting a response vehicle for the Consolidated Bomb Squad, Special Operations Division, for the retroactive grant period of January 01, 2026 through September 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and if approved, 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 Justice Assistance Grant award [amount not to exceed \$29,094.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, project number 22-JAG-46, to cover the cost of upfitting a response vehicle for the Consolidated Bomb Squad, Special Operations Division, for the retroactive grant period of January 01, 2026 through September 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”