



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 9, 2025

DATE: Tuesday, August 05, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Margaret Dickson, MAT Program Manager, Detention Services Unit
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a fiscal year 2022 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant award [amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, County match of \$21,667.00 required] as administered from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Administration, Federal FY 2022 project number 15PBJA-22-GG-00489-RSAT, to be used for programmatic supplies, contracted behavioral health specialist, and overtime costs for the grant period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; retroactively authorize the Sheriff to execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Nevada Department of Public Safety through the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant (RSAT). The funds from this grant are being utilized to augment the current Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program by increasing supportive resources for re-entry into the community and sustaining needs for an evidence-based journaling curriculum to our inmate population, specifically targeting the inmates participating in the MAT Program and Young Offenders Program. The funds will also be utilized to purchase hygiene kits and 31-day bus passes to be issued to participants of the programs and those identified who may need basic needs and transportation to various treatment appointments upon release.

The journals will continue to be purchased through The Change Company located in Carson City, Nevada. The literature provides evidence-based curriculum in the form of guided journals for individuals impacted by harmful substance use and teaches them addiction education, coping strategies, anger management, substance use behaviors, and life skills which prepares them for re-entry into our community and help the effort to reduce recidivism. Local partners and programmers also use The Change Company journals and this will provide consistency for their care throughout our community.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 20, 2024, the Board authorized item #10.K.2., the award of the 2021 RSAT Grant from the Nevada Department of Public Safety award of \$63,102.00 for the 2021 RSAT Grant award year.

On February 20, 2024, the Board authorized item #9.I.3., the award of the 2020 RSAT Grant from the Nevada Department of Public Safety award of \$37,396.00 for the 2020 RSAT Grant award year.

On October 10, 2023, the Board authorized item #7.F.2., the award of the 2019 RSAT Grant as a new funding source for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County Sheriff's Office began a partnership with the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice, to address substance use problems and challenges of re-entry into the community. The additional funding supports our current program and will continue purchasing and utilizing evidence-based curriculum that offers an opportunity for the criminal justice population to learn about managing addiction, increase personal coping skills and gain resources to meet basic needs such as housing, food, employment, and transportation for their transition back into the community which can lower the risk of recidivism. The goal of increasing participation in our programs while incarcerated will help the end goal of successfully engaging in prosocial activities while working towards long term recovery in the community.

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: *FY22 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)*

Scope of the Project: *Provide tools and services to help incarcerated individuals prepare for re-entry into the community.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *The RSAT program focus is preparing incarcerated individuals for re-entry to the community. This is accomplished through medication assisted treatment, addiction counseling, and evidence-based journaling curriculum to address substance use disorders.*

On-Going Program Support: *The RSAT program is currently in place at the Washoe County Detention facility. This funding will assist with additional programmatic support. The State DPS/ OJCA office has committed to continuing funding through the 2025/2026 Federal Fiscal Year.*

Award Amount: *\$65,000.00*

Grant Period: 10/01/2025 – 9/30/2026
Funding Source: Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
Pass Through Entity: Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 16.593

Grant ID Number: 22-RSAT-04

Match Amount and Type: 25% using OCJA match rate formula - will use program personnel salary for required match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Contracted Behavioral Health Specialist to provide addiction individual and group counselling services to participants.

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 \$65,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO- 12545– 2022 RSAT	431100-Federal Grants	\$65,000.00
IO- 12545– 2022 RSAT	710300-Operating Supplies	\$14,180.00
IO- 12545– 2022 RSAT	710100-Professional Services	\$46,800.00
IO- 12545– 2022 RSAT	701300-Overtime	\$4,020.00

- Match of \$21,667.00 will be met with current personnel under 150900.
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a fiscal year 2022 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant award [amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, County match of \$21,667.00 required] as administered from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Administration, Federal FY 2022 project number 15PBJA-22-GG-00489-RSAT, to be used for programmatic supplies, contracted behavioral health specialist, and overtime costs for the grant period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; retroactively authorize the Sheriff to 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 2022 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant award [amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, County match of \$21,667.00 required] as administered from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Administration, Federal FY 2022 project number 15PBJA-22-GG-00489-RSAT, to be used for programmatic supplies, contracted behavioral health specialist, and overtime costs for the grant period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; retroactively

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