



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025

**DATE:** July 11, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to retroactively accept grant funding [\$4,472.16 with no County match] for Fiscal Year 2026 from the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, received under the 1908 Act Amended legislation. These funds are to be used for the benefit of public schools and roads within Washoe County and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

Historically, Washoe County receives an annual allocation of funds through the Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS Act). The SRS Act has expired and was not reauthorized, therefore the payments this year are distributed under the 1908 Act Amended legislation. This Act distributes the average of 25 percent of 7 fiscal years of receipts from each national forest and is paid to the State or Territory in which said forest is situated, to be expended for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the forest is situated. Under the 1908 Act Title I, II, III does not exist, and 100% of funds are for roads and schools. Each State decides for themselves on the percentage breakdowns between their public roads and schools. The \$4,472.16 received is 50% of the distribution from the USDA Forest Service and is allocated to Washoe County to be used for roads within the County. The other 50% is directed to the Washoe County School District.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability. Long Term Sustainability.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 25, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accepted \$18,161.48 from the USDA Forest Service under the SRS Act, which was reauthorized by Congress in December of 2021.

On June 27, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accepted \$21,226.82 from the USDA Forest Service under the SRS Act, which was reauthorized by Congress in December of 2021.

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On June 28, 2022, the Board accepted \$22,514.97 from the USDA Forest Service under the SRS Act, which was reauthorized by Congress in December of 2020.

On May 18, 2021, the Board accepted \$17,277.34 from the USDA Forest Service under the SRS Act, which was reauthorized by Congress in December of 2019.

The Board has accepted funds annually when they have been received.

### **BACKGROUND**

Funding is provided to States from the U.S. Forest Service under the 1908 Act Amended legislation. The program objective is to share receipts from the National Forests with the states and counties in which the forests are located. Funds are distributed equally between the Washoe County School District and Washoe County. Washoe County's share of funds is to be used for the benefit of public roads within the County.

Due to an accounting treatment error, funds were received in April 2025 but are now being requested for acceptance.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** 1908 Act Amended

**Scope of the Project:** Funding is provided to States and Counties from the U.S. Forest Service under 1908 Act Amended. The program objective is to share receipts from the National Forests with the states in which the forests are situated. Washoe County's share of funds is to be used for the benefit of public roads within the County.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** This funding supplements the budget for roads maintenance and projects, which are currently funded primarily through fuel taxes.

**On-Going Program Support:** N/A

**Award Amount:** \$4,472.16

**Grant Period:** None

**Funding Source:** U.S. Forest Service

**Pass Through Entity:** None

**CFDA Number:** 10.665

**Grant ID Number:** N/A

**Match Amount and Type:** N/A

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** N/A

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award, the FY26 budget will be increased by \$4,472.16 in the following accounts in the Roads Fund (216):

IN-12565 – 431100	1908 Act Amended Grants – Federal Grants	\$4,472.16
IN-12565 – 781003	1908 Act Amended Grants – Road Bridge Capital	\$4,472.16

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively accept grant funding [\$4,472.16 with no County match] for Fiscal Year 2026 from the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, received under the 1908 Act Amended legislation. These funds are to be used for the benefit of public schools and roads within Washoe County and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to retroactively accept grant funding [\$4,472.16 with no County match] for Fiscal Year 2026 from the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, received under the 1908 Act Amended legislation. These funds are to be used for the benefit of public schools and roads within Washoe County and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments."