



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 16, 2024

DATE: Thursday, April 11, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Leslie Masterpool, Community Engagement Manager
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$9,246.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2020 project number 97067.20, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for payment of equipment for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Nevada Division of Emergency Management has awarded re-obligated FY2020 funds for further use on the 2020 CERT project and issued an extension to June of 2024.

These funds are intended to enhance the technological capabilities and mobility of the region's premier citizen engagement program, Washoe County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), through the purchase of equipment to be used in emergency response, training, drills, support events, and/or rehab during disasters, in support of the Citizen Corps Programs (CCP).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Innovative Services, leverage technology to streamline and automate.

PREVIOUS ACTION

November 17, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners approved item #10.D.1, the Sheriff's Office request to approved a direct grant award [\$80,353.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2020, Project number 97067.20, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for the retroactive grant period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2024, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office received notification it had been awarded additional grant funds from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management for the investment in equipment and technology that would further allow the mobilization of program staff and volunteers which would improve operations, efficiency, accuracy, and safety while ensuring the program's optimum response to a community emergency within Washoe County, surrounding areas, and the nation.

The Washoe County Community Emergency Response Team exists to ensure our citizens are kept aware and prepared to respond in case of a disaster. Continuing to invest in our Community Emergency Response Teams will enhance overall preparedness, community resilience, and mass care services. As our teams grow, administrative support is needed to aid in the organization's sustainability. The grant award includes one intermittent position as support to our volunteer corp. The supplies and equipment will aid in the continuing efforts to increase public awareness and preparedness in the event of a major disaster impacting our community.

Reason for retroactive submittal: Item was submitted to the first available Board of County Commissioners meeting once all paperwork was received and processed for the grant period of October 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *DEM ReOb CERT Technology*

Scope of the Project: *Purchase of Equipment*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Public safety during special events and other demands.*

On-Going Program Support: *N/A*

Award Amount: *\$9,246.00*

Grant Period: *October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024*

Funding Source: *Nevada Department of Public Safety*

Pass through From: *Nevada Division of Emergency Management*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *97.067*

Grant ID Number: *79067.20-3000*

Match Amount and Type: *No Match Required*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *None*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY24 Sheriff’s Office budget will be increased by \$9,246.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12337 FY20 ReOb DEM CERT	431100-Federal Grants	\$9,246.00
IO-12337 FY20 ReOb DEM CERT	711508 – Computers non-capital	\$6,246.00
IO-12337 FY20 ReOb DEM CERT	711504 – Equipment non-capital	\$3,000.00

- *No match required.*
- *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 Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$9,246.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2020 project number 97067.20, to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for payment of equipment for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move accept Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$9,246.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2020 project number 97067.20, to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for payment of equipment for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”