



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

**DATE:** Thursday, February 20, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a Justice Assistance Grant award [amount not to exceed \$32,814.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, to cover the cost of a Digital Forensic Detective Workstation for the Detective Bureau, working under the Special Operations Division, for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

This grant has been awarded to cover the costs of (1) Talino Multiple GPU workstation to include the following:

- AMD Threadripper Pro 5955WX 4.0 GHz (Up to 4.5 GHz Max Turbo) 16-core/32-Thread Processor
- Liquid Cooling for the CPU Providing Maximum CPU Performance
- 32 GB of DDR4 2666MHz RAM
- One (1) 2TB SSD for the operating System
- One (1) 2TB M.2 NVMe SSD for processing
- One (1) 20TB NAS Class Hard Drive for Data Storage
- Two (2) Nvidia RTX 4090 32.768 Cuda Cores
- One (1) 2.5" Hot Swap Bay with Four (4) Removable Trays
- One (1) 3.5" Hot Swap Tray with three (3) Removable Bays
- One (1) 4 Port USB 3.0 Hub
- One (1) 1600 Watt Power Supply Unit

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

- High end whisper quiet fans throughout the entire system (Hydraulic fluid ball bearing rated at 300,000-hour lifespan)
- Microsoft windows 11 Pro 64 Bit
- Three (3) Year standard warranty
- Year subscription of Graykey and Cellebrite

The use of this workstation will eliminate the need to rely on other Detective units inside and outside the WCSO to accomplish an investigation. It will also significantly lessen the burden to other units, such as the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, allowing them to better focus on their own mission.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

None

### **BACKGROUND**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the Justice Assistance Grant to our Special Operations Division to allow the Detective Division to purchase and build a Forensic Workstation which will aid in criminal investigations. This workstation will provide the General Detective Division (Robbery, Homicide, Sexual Assault, Burglary, Fraud) with the ability to work autonomously within their cases. Each case investigated generally presents with some nexus to digital evidence (Cell phone, Computer, I-Pad). Having this workstation, Detectives will be able to process their own cases without reaching outside of the division for digital evidence processing.

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 January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *Digital Forensic Detective Workstation*

**Scope of the Project:** *Purchase and build a Forensic workstation within General Detectives*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Enhanced public safety through more comprehensive and complete criminal investigations*

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

**Award Amount:** *\$32,814.00*

**Grant Period:** *January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025*

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

**Pass through From:** *State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance*

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** *16.738*

**Grant ID Number:** *21-JAG-40*

**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 FY25 Sheriff's Office budget will be increased by \$32,814.00 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 – 12491 Digital Forensic Detective Workstation	431100-Federal Grants	\$32,814.00
IO - 12491 Digital Forensic Detective Workstation	711504-Equipment Non-Capital	\$11,294.00
IO - 12491 Digital Forensic Detective Workstation	710212-Software Subscription	\$21,520.00

- *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 a Justice Assistance Grant award [amount not to exceed \$32,814.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, to cover the cost of a Digital Forensic Detective Workstation for the Detective Division operating under the Special Operations Division, for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively 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 accept a Justice Assistance Grant award [amount not to exceed \$32,814.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, to cover the cost of a Digital Forensic Detective Workstation for the Detective Division operating under the Special Operations Division, for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."