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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 27, 2025

DATE: May 1, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Sabrina Brasuell, Program Coordinator, Office of the County Manager
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a FFY 2018 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management awarding [\$4,800, \$1,600 County match]. Twenty-five percent County match to be provided by in-kind personnel. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant provides funding to assist states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. Grant term is retroactive from December 23, 2024, through January 27, 2026. If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Manager.
(Commission District 1.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item recommends that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (the Board) approve a FFY 2018 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) to create and install educational and informational avalanche signage in Incline Village. Grant term is retroactive from December 23, 2024, through January 27, 2026. If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received.

The Washoe County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program will use the funds to manufacture avalanche educational and information signage. This signage will be placed in several locations in Crystal Bay, NV and Incline Village, NV. The intent of the signage is to educate and inform residents and visitors to the avalanche risks in the area. The Board has previously accepted Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) awards to Washoe County.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts: Meet the needs of our growing community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

April 25, 2023 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted the 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management, [\$90,000.00, 25% County match required in the amount of \$22,500 to be provided by a combination of \$3,500.00 in-kind personnel match and \$19,000.00 from Regional Partners contribution]; and directed the Comptroller`s Office to make appropriate budget amendments.

Formally known at the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant

August 28, 2018 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted the 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management, [\$225,000.00 with County match of \$75,000.00]; and directed the Comptroller`s Office to make appropriate budget amendments.

June 17, 2014 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted the 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management, [\$110,000.00 with County match of \$27,500.00]; and directed the Finance Department to make appropriate budget adjustments.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan has identified avalanche hazard concerns in Crystal Bay, NV and Incline Village, NV. This project will contribute to awareness and education to ensure both residents and visitors are education on the avalanche hazard in those areas. This project was supported by North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Diamond Peak Ski Resort, Sierra Avalanche Center and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FFY 2018 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program*

Scope of the Project: *Manufacture and install educational and informational avalanche signage.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Educational and informational avalanche signing will educate and inform the public of the avalanche danger in the posted areas. Residents and visitors alike may be unaware of the avalanche hazard and how to navigate the area safely.*

On-Going Program Support: *This grant is for a one-time manufacturing and installation cost. We will seek new funding for any replacement needs.*

Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Grant Period: December 23, 2024, through January 27, 2026.

Funding Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Division of Emergency Management

CFDA Number: 97.039

Grant ID Number: DR-4708-4-4F

Match Amount and Type: *Match Requirement. \$1,600.00 in-kind services provided by the Washoe County Emergency Management departmental staff.*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant requires a match. The County will provide \$1,600.00 in-kind services provided by the Washoe County Emergency Management departmental staff.

In-Kind:

Managers Office - Emergency Management (155100) \$ 1,600.00

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY 25 Emergency Management adopted budget will be increased by [\$4,800.00] in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
Emergency Management – HMGP FFY 18 Avalanche Signage – Federal Grants	IO 12525 - 431100	\$4,800.00
Expenditures:		
Emergency Management – HMGP FFY 18 Washoe Avalanche Signage – Professional Services	IO 12525 - 710100	\$4,800.00

All expenditures will be on a reimbursement basis. Initial funding will be provided by general fund. Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a FFY 2018 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) awarding [\$4,800, \$1,600 County match]. Twenty-five percent County match to be provided by in-kind personnel. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant provides funding to assist states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. Grant term is retroactive from December 23, 2024, through January 27, 2026. If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Manager. (Commission District 1.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to accept the recommendation to a FFY 2018 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management awarding [\$4,800, \$1,600 County match]. Twenty-five percent County match to be provided by in-kind personnel. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant provides funding to assist states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. Grant term is retroactive from December 23, 2024, through January 27, 2026. If approved authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant award documents when received; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Manager.”