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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

DATE: Friday, April 17, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept additional fiscal year 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Northern Nevada Drug Task Force grant award funding [increase of \$30,000.00, no County match required, for a total of \$40,000.00] as administered from the Las Vegas Metro Police Department, Federal project number HID1825G0495, for overtime and investigative expenses from HIDTA for the retroactive grant period of January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept additional funding for the grant award from the Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force as administered through the Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

Per County policy, the Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

This funding is received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and awarded to the Las Vegas Metro Police Department and made available to agencies across the State. These funds will be used to cover overtime, investigative, and travel expenses for participation of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in the Northern Nevada Drug Task Force as part of the Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations.

Las Vegas Metro Police Department is the designated fiscal agent and prepares the reimbursement claims for task force operations for the federal funding awarded to the State of Nevada. The additional funding of \$30,000.00 is available for use by the

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Northern Nevada Drug Task Force. The funding is made available to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for task force operations.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 10, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 8.F.2., \$25,147.62 of FY24 HIDTA Northern Nevada Drug Task Force additional funding from Nevada HIDTA as administered through the Las Vegas Metro Police Department for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses.

On November 18, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 8.G.3., \$10,000.00 of FY25 HIDTA Northern Nevada Drug Task Force funding from Nevada HIDTA as administered through the Las Vegas Metro Police Department for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses.

On September 10, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 6.G.1., \$25,000.00 of FY24 HIDTA Northern Nevada Drug Task Force funding from Nevada HIDTA as administered through the Las Vegas Metro Police Department for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses.

On May 16, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 6.D.3., \$15,000.00 of FY23 HIDTA Northern Nevada Drug Task Force funding from Nevada HIDTA as administered through the Las Vegas Metro Police Department for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses.

On December 11, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item 7.G.1., \$75,000.00 of FY18 HIDTA Northern Nevada Drug Task Force funding from Nevada HIDTA as administered through the Las Vegas Metro Police Department for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses.

The Board has been approving funding for the HIDTA Drug Task Force since 2008.

BACKGROUND

The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program in the dismantling and disruption of drug trafficking organizations. Washoe County became part of Northern Nevada HIDTA Task Force in the fall of 2006, when the Board formally approved the Washoe County Sheriff's participation by way of interlocal agreement on November 13, 2006.

Las Vegas Metro Police Department acts as the fiscal agent and administers the State of Nevada HIDTA award. This grant will fund overtime and investigative expenses incurred while conducting task force operations.

Reason for retroactive submittal: The grant funder, the Las Vegas Metro Police Department, needed time to see if they could secure additional funds to cover expenses incurred over the original budget. Item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once documents were received and processed.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FY25 HIDTA NNDTF*

Scope of the Project: *The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Increase safety and security of the community.*

On-Going Program Support: *Washoe County Sheriff’s Office will continue dedicating deputies to the HIDTA task force.*

Award Amount: *\$30,000.00*

Grant Period: *01/01/25 – 12/31/26*

Funding Source: *United States Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)*

Pass Through Entity: *Las Vegas Metro Police Department*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *95.001*

Grant ID Number: *HID1825G0495, HNNDTF25-3002040*

Match Amount and Type: *None*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *None*

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 \$30,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12598 FY25 HIDTA NNDTF	431100 – Federal Grants	\$30,000.00
IO-12598 FY25 HIDTA NNDTF	701300 – Overtime	\$20,500.00
IO-12598 FY25 HIDTA NNDTF	710507 – Network & Data Lines	\$2,915.00
IO-12598 FY25 HIDTA NNDTF	710519 – Cellular Phone	\$85.00
IO-12598 FY25 HIDTA NNDTF	710852 – Investigations	\$6,500.00

- No match required
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners to accept additional fiscal year 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Northern Nevada Drug Task Force grant award funding [increase of \$30,000.00, no County match required, for a total of \$40,000.00] as administered from the Las Vegas Metro Police Department, Federal project number HID1825G0495, for overtime and investigative expenses from HIDTA

for the retroactive grant period of January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2026; 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 to accept additional fiscal year 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Northern Nevada Drug Task Force grant award funding [increase of \$30,000.00, no County match required, for a total of \$40,000.00] as administered from the Las Vegas Metro Police Department, Federal project number HID1825G0495, for overtime and investigative expenses from HIDTA for the retroactive grant period of January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."