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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

DATE: Monday, June 1, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a fiscal year 2025 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program grant award [amount not to exceed \$103,127.50, no County match required] as administered from the Reno Police Department, project number to be determined, for the purchase of Cellebrite software licenses for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Team to collect, manage, and securely share digital evidence and mitigate cybersecurity threats for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2028; authorize the Sheriff to 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 the grant award from the Reno 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.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department has awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office funding for the purchase of Cellebrite digital forensics software for collection, management, and secure sharing of digital evidence and mitigation of cybersecurity threats. This software will support the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Team.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 10, 2025, the Board authorized Item #7.G.4., the award of the 2024 JAG Program through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department (RPD) [\$84,656.80, no County match required] for purchase of law enforcement equipment and supplies and law enforcement-related training and travel.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On December 10, 2024, the Board authorized Item #5.E.3., the grant application for the 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the RPD and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the RPD, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department (SPD).

On March 26, 2024, the Board authorized Item #5.E.2., the award of the 2023 JAG Program through the City of Reno, RPD [\$94,576.00, no County match required] for purchase of law enforcement equipment and supplies and law enforcement-related training and travel.

On November 14, 2023, the Board authorized Item #24, the grant application for the 2023 JAG Program through the RPD and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the RPD, Washoe County, on behalf of the WCSO and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the SPD.

On March 28, 2023, the Board authorized Item #7.F.3, the award of the 2022 JAG Program through the City of Reno, RPD [\$80,704.80, no County match required] for purchase of law enforcement equipment and supplies and law enforcement-related training and travel.

On October 25, 2022, the Board authorized Item #8.F.1., the grant application for the 2022 JAG Program through the RPD and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the RPD, Washoe County, on behalf of the WCSO and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the SPD.

On December 14, 2021, the Board authorized Item #10.K.7., the award of the 2021 JAG Program through the City of Reno, RPD [\$77,956.00, no County match required] for purchase of law enforcement equipment and supplies and law enforcement-related training and travel.

On September 14, 2021, the Board authorized Item #6.G.4., the grant application for the 2021 JAG Program through the RPD and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the RPD, Washoe County, on behalf of the WCSO and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the SPD.

On January 12, 2021, the Board authorized Item #11.H.2, the award of the 2020 JAG Program through the City of Reno, RPD [\$64,502.40, no County match required] for purchase of law enforcement equipment and supplies and law enforcement-related training and travel.

The Board has accepted an annual JAG Local grant award on behalf of the WCSO since 2019.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Reno have previously been individual recipients of Block Grant Funds and Byrne Grant Funds. In 2005, the Department of Justice combined both the Byrne Grants and Block Grants into the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG), which require regional applications with one entity acting as fiscal agent of the grant. The City of Reno and Washoe County have agreed that the City of Reno will be the fiscal agent for the JAG grant application.

The Reno Police Department (RPD) submitted the initial application for the known dollar amount of \$206,255.00. With this application, the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) was awarded 50% of the total funding, or \$103,127.50, and the RPD was awarded the other 50%, or \$103,127.50. The City of Reno administers the JAG Local grants on behalf of the RPD and WCSO.

Due to a delay in the FY25 grant award, the RPD has issued a Letter of Intent to Award this grant agreement. Once the award documents are received, the full award and the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the RPD and Washoe County, on behalf of the WCSO will be taken back to the Board for approval.

This award will fund the Cellebrite subscription from June 9, 2026 through January 10, 2027. The full cost of this subscription is \$105,686.82. The remaining \$2,559.32 of this subscription not covered by this FY25 JAG Local award will come from a FY25 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program award administered through the Nevada Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

- Project/Program Name:** *FY25 JAG Local*
- Scope of the Project:** *Purchase Cellebrite digital forensics software licenses for collection, management, and secure sharing of digital evidence and mitigation of cybersecurity threats.*
- Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *A better equipped agency with increased capacity to process digital evidence and mitigate cybersecurity threats.*
- On-Going Program Support:** *N/A*
- Award Amount:** *\$103,127.50*
- Grant Period:** *10/1/24 – 9/30/28*
- Funding Source:** *U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance*
- Pass Through Entity:** *City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department*
- Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** *16.738*
- Grant ID Number:** *TBD*
- Match Amount and Type:** *None*
- Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *Software contract for Cellebrite licenses*

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 \$103,127.50 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
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IO-12684 FY25 OCJA JAG Local	431100 – Federal Grants	\$103,127.50
IO-12684 FY25 OCJA JAG Local	710212 – Software Subscription	\$103,127.50

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a fiscal year 2025 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program grant award [amount not to exceed \$103,127.50, no County match required] as administered from the Reno Police Department, project number to be determined, for the purchase of Cellebrite software licenses for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Team to collect, manage, and securely share digital evidence and mitigate cybersecurity threats for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2028; authorize the Sheriff to 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 a fiscal year 2025 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program grant award [amount not to exceed \$103,127.50, no County match required] as administered from the Reno Police Department, project number to be determined, for the purchase of Cellebrite software licenses for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Team to collect, manage, and securely share digital evidence and mitigate cybersecurity threats for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2028; authorize the Sheriff to execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."