



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

DATE: December 12, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$662,488.00; no county match] in both revenue and expenditures to the EPA Multipollutant Monitoring Grant retroactive to January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. The purpose of this grant agreement is to provide funding for the Air Quality Management Division to support the maintenance, operation, and upgrade of existing ambient monitoring stations, primarily through new equipment purchases. This project will increase the reliability and sustainability of ambient air monitoring networks and full automation of air quality monitors allowing real-time comparisons in and around disadvantaged communities to air quality in nearby areas. Northern Nevada Public Health. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct the Finance Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 19, 2024 the District Board of Health approved the Notice of Award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

BACKGROUND

This award supports the Air Quality Management Division by providing funding for the Air Quality Management Division to support the maintenance, operation, and upgrade of existing ambient monitoring stations, primarily through new equipment purchases. This project will increase the reliability and sustainability of ambient air monitoring networks and full automation of air quality monitors allowing real-time comparisons in and around disadvantaged communities to air quality in nearby areas.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

This grant award provides funding for equipment capital expenditures.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Air Quality Management, EPA Multipollutant Monitoring Award

Scope of the Project: The base award provides funding to support maintenance, operation, and upgrade of existing ambient air monitoring stations, primarily through new equipment purchases.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Implementation of clean air solutions that protect the quality of life for the citizens of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County.

Award Amount: \$662,488.00
Award Received: December 4, 2024
Grant Period: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2028
Funding Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Pass Through Entity: n/a
CFDA Number: 66.034
Grant ID Number: 97T21401-0

Sub-Awards and Contracts: No Sub-Awards are anticipated

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board approve these amendments, the Health Fund (202) FY25, adopted budget will be increased by \$662,488.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-19173 EPA Multipollutant Monitoring	431100-Federal Grants	\$662,488.00
IO-19173 EPA Multipollutant Monitoring	711210-Travel	\$ 13,406.00
IO-19173 EPA Multipollutant Monitoring	781004-Equipent Capital	\$649,082.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners to approve the budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$662,488.00; no county match] in both revenue and expenditures to the EPA Multipollutant Monitoring Grant retroactive to January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. The purpose of this grant agreement is to provide funding for the Air Quality Management Division to support the maintenance, operation, and upgrade of existing ambient monitoring stations, primarily through new equipment purchases. This project will increase the reliability and sustainability of ambient air monitoring networks

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$662,488.00; no county match] in both revenue and expenditures to the EPA Multipollutant Monitoring Grant retroactive to January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. The purpose of this grant agreement is to provide funding for the Air Quality Management Division to support the maintenance, operation, and upgrade of existing ambient monitoring stations, primarily through new equipment purchases. This project will increase the reliability and sustainability of ambient air monitoring networks and full automation of air quality monitors allowing real-time comparisons in and around disadvantaged communities to air quality in nearby areas."