



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 25, 2024

**DATE:** May 23, 2023

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept grant funding [\$18,161.48 with no County match] for Fiscal Year 2024 from the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, received under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act) for the benefit of public schools and roads within Washoe County and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

Washoe County receives an annual allocation of funds through the SRS Act. The \$18,161.48 received is 50% of the distribution from the USDA Forest Service under the SRS Act for 2023 and is allocated to Washoe County to be used for roads within the County. The other 50% is directed to the Washoe County School District.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability. Long Term Sustainability.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On June 27, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accepted \$21,226.82 from the USDA Forest Service under the SRS Act, which was reauthorized by Congress in December of 2021.

On June 28, 2022, the Board accepted \$22,514.97 from the USDA Forest Service under the SRS Act, which was reauthorized by Congress in December of 2020.

On May 18, 2021, the Board accepted \$17,277.34 from the USDA Forest Service under the SRS Act, which was reauthorized by Congress in December of 2019.

The Board has accepted funds annually when they have been received.

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

**BACKGROUND**

Funding is provided to States and Counties from the U.S. Forest Service under 16 U.S.C. 500. The program objective is to share receipts from the National Forests with the states in which the forests are located. Funds are distributed equally between the Washoe County School District and Washoe County. Washoe County’s share of funds is to be used for the benefit of public roads within the County.

**GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** SRS Act

**Scope of the Project:** Funding is provided to States and Counties from the U.S. Forest Service under 16 U.S.C. 500. The program objective is to share receipts from the National Forests with the states in which the forests are situated. Washoe County’s share of funds is to be used for the benefit of public roads within the County.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** This funding supplements the budget for roads maintenance and projects, which are currently funded primarily through fuel taxes.

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

**Award Amount:** \$18,161.48

**Grant Period:** Funds are received annually

**Funding Source:** U.S. Forest Service

**Pass Through Entity:** State of Nevada

**CFDA Number:** 10.665

**Grant ID Number:** N/A

**Match Amount and Type:** N/A

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award, the FY24 budget will be increased by \$18,161.48 in the following accounts:

IN11014 – 431100	Schools and Roads Grants – Federal Grants	\$18,161.48
IN11014 – 781003	Schools and Roads Grants – Road Bridge Capital	\$18,161.48

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept grant funding [\$18,161.48 with no County match] for Fiscal Year 2024 from the USDA Forest Service, received under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act) for the benefit of public schools and roads within Washoe County and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept grant funding [\$18,161.48 with no County match] for Fiscal Year 2024 from the USDA Forest Service, received under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act) for the benefit of public schools and roads within Washoe County and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."