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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 10, 2025

DATE: Wednesday, May 07, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Leslie Masterpool, Division Manager
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a fiscal year 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program grant award [amount not to exceed \$84,656.80, no County match required] as administered from the Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department, Federal FY 2024 project number 15PBJA-24-GG-05299-JAGX, for the purchase of law enforcement equipment and supplies, law enforcement-related training, and travel for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance through the City of Reno, 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 the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The Office of Justice Programs and 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 equipment, supplies, training, and travel. These supplies and activities will support the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard, Women in Law Enforcement committee, Community Engagement Office, and Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement (HOPE) Team.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts, Support a Thriving Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 10, 2024, the Board authorized item #5.E.3., the grant application for this 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Reno Police Department and

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approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department.

On March 26, 2024, the Board authorized item #5.E.2., the award of the 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department [\$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 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Reno Police Department and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department.

On March 28, 2023, the Board authorized item #7.F.3, the award of the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department [\$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 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Reno Police Department and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department.

On December 14, 2021, the Board authorized item #10.K.7., the award of the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department [\$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 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Reno Police Department and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department.

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

On September 22, 2020, the Board authorized item #7.D.3., the grant application for the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Reno Police Department and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department.

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 submitted the initial application for the known dollar amount of \$211,642.00. With this application, WCSO was awarded 40% of the total funding, or \$84,656.80, Reno Police Department was awarded \$84,656.80, and Sparks Police Department was awarded \$42,328.40. The City of Reno administers the JAG grants on behalf of the Reno Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff, and Sparks Police Department.

Reason for retroactive submittal: The Interlocal Agreement (approved by the Board December 10, 2024) for this award was not fully executed until after the Grant Term Start Date.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *FY24 JAG Local*

Scope of the Project: *Provide law enforcement supplies, travel, and training*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *A better equipped and more trained agency*

On-Going Program Support: *N/A*

Award Amount: *\$84,656.80*

Grant Period: *10/1/23 – 9/30/27*

Funding Source: *Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)*

Pass Through Entity: *Reno Police Department*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *16.738*

Grant ID Number: *15PBJA-24-GG-05299-JAGX*

Match Amount and Type: *N/A*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *Any equipment or supplies purchased will follow Washoe County grant procurement processes compliant with 2 CFR 200.317-200.326*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY25 Sheriff's Office, adopted budget will be increased by \$84,656.80 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12528 2024 JAG Local	431100 – Federal Grants	\$84,656.80
IO-12528 2024 JAG Local	710509 – Meetings & Seminars	\$24,523.00
IO-12528 2024 JAG Local	711210 – Travel	\$30,133.80
IO-12528 2024 JAG Local	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$30,000.00

- No match required
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a fiscal year 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program grant award [amount not to exceed \$84,656.80, no County match required] as administered from the Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department, Federal FY 2024 project number 15PBJA-24-GG-05299-JAGX, for the purchase of law enforcement equipment and supplies, law enforcement-related training, and travel for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027; 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 a fiscal year 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program grant award [amount not to exceed \$84,656.80, no County match required] as administered from the Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance through the City of Reno, Reno Police Department, Federal FY 2024 project number 15PBJA-24-GG-05299-JAGX, for the purchase of law enforcement equipment and supplies, law enforcement-related training, and travel for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments"