



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** January 21, 2025

**DATE:** December 16, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$30,000.00; no county match] in both revenue and expenditures to the EPA Air Quality Sensors Grant retroactive to January 1, 2025, through June 30, 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 purchase and deploy air pollution sensors along the I-80/I-580 interchange to better understand air pollutant trends in disadvantaged communities. Northern Nevada Public Health. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

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

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Fiscal Sustainability

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On December 4, 2024, Northern Nevada Public Health received the Notice of Award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### **BACKGROUND**

This award supports the Air Quality Management Division by providing funding to purchase and deploy air pollution sensors along the I-80/I-580 interchange to better understand air pollutant trends in disadvantaged communities.

This grant award provides funding for equipment expenditures.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Air Quality Management, EPA Air Quality Sensors Grant

**Scope of the Project:** The base award provides funding to purchase and deploy air pollution sensors along the I-80/I-580 interchange.

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

**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:** \$30,000.00  
**Award Received:** December 4, 2024  
**Grant Period:** January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028  
**Funding Source:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
**Pass Through Entity:** n/a  
**CFDA Number:** 66.034  
**Grant ID Number:** 97T03301-0  
**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 \$30,000 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12479 EPA Air Quality Sensors	431100-Federal Grants	\$30,000.00
IO-12479 EPA Air Quality Sensors	711504-Equipment noncapital	\$30,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$30,000.00; no county match] in both revenue and expenditures to the EPA Air Quality Sensors Grant retroactive to January 1, 2025, through June 30, 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 purchase and deploy air pollution sensors along the I-80/I-580 interchange to better understand air pollutant trends in disadvantaged communities.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve to approve the budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$30,000.00; no county match] in both revenue and expenditures to the EPA Air Quality Sensors Grant retroactive to January 1, 2025, through June 30, 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 purchase and deploy air pollution sensors along the I-80/I-580 interchange to better understand air pollutant trends in disadvantaged communities."