



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.)

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."