



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

**DATE:** Friday, April 17, 2026

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Noah Boyer, Sergeant, Washoe County Sheriff's Office  
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**THROUGH:** Darin Balaam, Sheriff

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a Justice Assistance Grant award [amount not to exceed \$18,391.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, project number 22-JAG-54, to enhance remote operational capabilities of the Consolidated Bomb Squad, Special Operations Division during hazardous device responses, for the retroactive grant period of April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

This item is presented seeking approval to accept the grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Criminal Justice Assistance.

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 Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

This grant has been awarded to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and seeks to procure equipment to enhance the remote operational capabilities of the Consolidated Bomb Squad during hazardous device responses. The proposed project will strengthen secure, real-time communications between bomb technicians, robotic platforms, and command personnel in complex and high-risk environments.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Innovative Services:  
Leverage technology to streamline and automate

### PREVIOUS ACTION

None

### BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Criminal Justice Assistance to enhance the remote

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operational capabilities of the Consolidated Bomb Squad during hazardous device responses.

This grant will pay for equipment to significantly improve operational safety by increasing standoff distance, enhancing live video transmission, enabling remote diagnostics, and supporting coordinated multi-agency response for the duration of the grant period through August 31, 2026.

Reason for retroactive submittal: Item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once all paperwork was received and processed.

**GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *FY26 OCJA JAG Supplemental Consolidated Bomb Squad Robot Enhancement*

**Scope of the Project:** *Procure equipment to enhance the remote operational capabilities of the Consolidated Bomb Squad during hazardous device responses.*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Increased efficiency and capacity of the Consolidated Bom Squad in the event of a hazardous device situation.*

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

**Award Amount:** *\$18,391.00*

**Grant Period:** *4/1/26 – 8/31/26*

**Funding Source:** *U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant*

**Pass Through Entity:** *State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Criminal Justice Assistance*

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** *16.738*

**Grant ID Number:** *22-JAG-54*

**Match Amount and Type:** *None*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *None*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Washoe County Sheriff’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$18,391.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IO-12660 FY26 OCJA JAG Supplemental Bomb	431100 – Federal Grants	\$18,391.00
IO-12660 FY26 OCJA JAG Supplemental Bomb	711504 – Equipment Non-Capital	\$18,391.00

- No County match required
- Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Justice Assistance Grant award [amount not to exceed \$18,391.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, project number 22-JAG-54, to enhance remote operational capabilities of the Consolidated Bomb Squad, Special Operations Division during hazardous device responses, for the retroactive grant period of April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and if approved, 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 Justice Assistance Grant award [amount not to exceed \$18,391.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, project number 22-JAG-54, to enhance remote operational capabilities of the Consolidated Bomb Squad, Special Operations Division during hazardous device responses, for the retroactive grant period of April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."