



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 16, 2024

DATE: Thursday, April 11, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Brandon Zirkle, Lieutenant, Special Operations Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept the 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Management funding from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department [amount not to exceed \$83,000.00, no County match required] to be used for the continuing costs of Automatic License Plate Readers for the retroactive period of March 7, 2024 to December 31, 2024, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This funding is received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and awarded to the Las Vegas Metro Police Department and made available to agencies across the State. These funds will be used to fund the continuing equipment lease cost for Automatic License Plate Readers in several areas in Northern Nevada and any other unanticipated costs related to this project. The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations.

Las Vegas Metro Police Department is the designated fiscal agent and prepares the reimbursement claims for task force operations for the federal funding awarded to the State of Nevada to be utilized by the Northern Nevada Interdiction Task Force of which the Washoe County Sheriff's Office is an integral team member.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Efficient Delivery of Regional Services and Supports a Thriving Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 8, 2020, the Board accepted item # 5.G2., 2020 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) License Plate Readers (LPR) funding [amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, no County match required] and Sole Source Purchase of 2 LPR trailers to be

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utilized by the HIDTA Task force as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department, for the retroactive grant period of August 3, 2020 – December 31, 2021

The Board has been approving funding for the HIDTA Northern Nevada Interdiction Task Force since 2008.

BACKGROUND

The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program in the dismantling and disruption of drug trafficking organizations. Washoe County became part of Northern Nevada HIDTA Task Force in the fall of 2006, when the Board formally approved the Washoe County Sheriff's participation by way of interlocal agreement on November 13, 2006.

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

AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *2023 HIDTA: High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program*

Scope of the Project: *The mission of the HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Increase safety and security of the community.*

On-Going Program Support: *Washoe County Sheriff's Office will continue dedicating deputies to the HIDTA task force.*

Award Amount: *Up to \$83,000.00*

Grant Period: *3/7/2024-12/31/2024*

Funding Source: *United States Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)*

Pass Through Entity: *Las Vegas Metro Police Department*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *95.001*

Grant ID Number: *G23NV0001A – MGNT23-3001707*

Match Amount and Type: *None*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *None*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this award, the adopted FY24 budget will be increased by \$83,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12356 - 2023 HIDTA ALPR	431100 - Federal Grants	\$83,000.00
IO-12356- 2023 HIDTA ALPR	710200 – Service Contract	\$83,000.00

- *No match required.*
- *Indirect costs are not allowable on this award as Washoe County Sheriff's Office is a contracted participant and not a sub-awardee.*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Management funding from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department [amount not to exceed \$83,000.00] no County match required] to be used for the continuing costs of Automatic License Plate Readers for the retroactive period of March 7, 2024 to December 31, 2024, and direct 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 the 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Management funding from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department [amount not to exceed \$83,000.00] no County match required] to be used for the continuing costs of Automatic License Plate Readers for the retroactive period of March 7, 2024 to December 31, 2024, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."