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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2016

DATE: June 24, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Cathy Ludwig, Grants Coordinator, Emergency Management
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THROUGH: Al Rogers, Management Services Director

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a 2014 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for \$48,290.00 (no match required) for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache; retroactive from June 23, 2016 through August 15, 2016; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.
 (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve a 2014 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for \$48,290.00. The radio cache is used by responders to ensure interoperability during a regional event. This is a one time, sole source purchase to Daily & Wells/Harris as a trade-in promotion to swap current radios for an upgraded version required for continued compatibility with the Washoe County Regional Communications System (WCRS). This award is being submitted for retroactive approval as it was received in June of 2016.

The State issued this award retroactive from the date the Homeland Security Commission approved the FFY14 Supplemental Funding.

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

October 13, 2015 – The Board of County Commissioners accepted a 2015 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for \$99,979.45 for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache; and directed and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

AGENDA ITEM # 5A

BACKGROUND

Communications interoperability is difficult in Nevada because of numerous jurisdictions and vast geographic areas covered by responder agencies. The Northern Nevada Radio Cache serves a vast area of Northern Nevada. This cache operates with all 4 core radio systems in Nevada, including the Washoe County Regional Communications System (WCRCS). The purchase of this portable radio cache supports the State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) and provides communications redundancy in the event of an emergency to provide surge capability.

The radio cache is used by responders to ensure interoperability during a regional event. The cache has been deployed in a tragic air craft crash, wild land fires, training for disasters, exercises, as well as State and Federal events of significance related to elections and inaugurations.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *2014 Homeland Security Grant, Northern NV Radio Cache*

Scope of the Project: *The scope of this project is to upgrade and sustain the existing regional radio cache.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *The benefit of this funding is to upgrade and sustain the regional radio cache which provides communications interoperability in times of disasters.*

On-Going Program Support: *If additional program support is needed past the sustainment phase, we will continue to seek grant funding.*

Award Amount: *\$48,290.00*

Grant Period: *June 23, 2016 through August 15, 2016*

Funding Source: *Department of Homeland Security*

Pass Through Entity: *Nevada Division of Emergency Management*

CFDA Number: *97.067*

Grant ID Number: *97067HL4*

Match Amount and Type: *N/A*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *Radios will be purchased through a competitive procurement process in compliance with 2 CFR 200.317-200.326.*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award; the budget will be increased by \$48,290.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
IO 11314	431100	48,290.00
Expenditures:		
IO 11314	711504	48,290.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a 2014 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for \$48,290.00 (no match required) for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache; retroactive from June 23, 2016 through August 15, 2016; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move to approve a 2014 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for \$48,290.00 (no match required) for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache; retroactive from June 23, 2016 through August 15, 2016; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget amendments”*.