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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 13, 2015

**DATE:** September 1, 2015  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Aaron Kenneston, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program  
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**THROUGH:** Al ~~Wells~~<sup>Wells</sup>, Management Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve 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; retroactive from September 01, 2015 through August 31, 2017; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.  
  
(All Commission Districts)

### SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve 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. 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).

The State issued this award retroactive from the date they received DHS funding.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

**May 14, 2013** - Recommendation to approve a 2010 Department of Homeland Security grant, State Homeland Security Program for accessories for the regional radio cache in the amount of \$17,655.00, no County match required, grant term April 5, 2013 through June 30, 2013; and direct the Finance Department to make the necessary budget adjustments.

### BACKGROUND

Communications interoperability is difficult in Nevada because of numerous jurisdictions and vast geographic areas covered by responder agencies. The Northern Nevada Radio

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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:** *2015 Homeland Security Grant, Northern Nevada 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:** *\$99,979.45*

**Grant Period:** *September 01, 2015 through August 31, 2017*

**Funding Source:** *Department of Homeland Security*

**Pass through From:** *State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management*

**CFDA Number:** *97.067*

**Grant ID Number:** *97067HL5*

**Match Amount and Type:** *N/A*

**Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award):**

Grant's recoverable indirect cost rate:

- Indirect costs are fully recoverable
- Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery
- Sponsor has limited indirect cost recovery at \_\_\_ %
- Sponsor requires indirect Cost Rate Approved by Cognizant Agency

**Special Terms & Conditions:** *None, other than quarterly reporting.*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *None, we will do a one-time purchase of \$99,979.45 to a vendor for the radios and accessories.*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award; the budget will be increased by \$99,979.45 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object</b>	<b>G/L Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
I.O. 11265	431100 – Federal Grants	\$ 99,979.45
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
I.O. 11265	711504 – Equipment – Non-Capital	\$ 99,979.45

- *No County Match Required*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move to approve 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; retroactive from September 01, 2015 through August 31, 2017; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.*



**STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (NDPS)  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (NDEM)**

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Grant Award		
<b>SUBGRANTEE:</b> Washoe County Office of Emergency Management	<b>CFDA / PROJECT NO:</b>	97067HL5
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 5195 Spectrum Blvd., Reno, NV 89512	<b>NDEM DUNS:</b>	607025848
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Grant FFY15 - State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)	<b>SUB-GRANTEE DUNS:</b>	073786998
<b>GRANT PERIOD:</b> September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2017	<b>FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:</b>	\$99,979.45
<b>Special Notes:</b>	<b>MATCHING FUNDS:</b>	
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$99,979.45

APPROVED BUDGET FOR PROJECT		
CATEGORY	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	
Northern Nevada Radio Cache		\$99,979.45
<b>FEDERAL GRANT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$99,979.45</b>
<b>SUB-GRANTEE MATCH TOTAL</b>		

This award is subject to the requirements (federal, state, financial and program assurances) established by the Federal Government; the Nevada Department of Public Safety and the Nevada Division of Emergency Management. This award is subject to availability of federal funding.  
**Special Conditions:** (If Applicable) This project is approved subject to such conditions or limitations as set forth on the attached page(s)  
**ATTACHMENTS:** (1) FEDERAL & STATE ASSURANCES (2) FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM ASSURANCES (3) FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS (4) SCOPE AND TIMELINE OF WORK (5) LINE ITEM DETAILED BUDGET.

AGENCY APPROVAL	SUBGRANTEE ACCEPTANCE
Caleb S. Cage, Chief	Aaron Karimston, Emergency Manager
Name and Title of Appointing Official	Name and Title of Appointing Official
X <i>Caleb S. Cage</i> 8/26/2015	X <i>Aaron Karimston</i> 8-31-15
Signature of Approving Official	Signature of Approving Official
Date:	Date:

Approved NDEM Review

Chief

Designee

8-26-15

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