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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 13, 2015

DATE: September 2, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Aaron Kenneston, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program
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THROUGH: Al ~~Rivers~~ ^{Rivers}, 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 \$100,000.00 for a Public Information/Public Warning project; no match required; 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

Recommended 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 \$100,000.00; no match required; retroactive from September 01, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

This ongoing project has produced updated emergency management guidance for warning, alerting, and informing citizens of disasters. The goal of this year's phase is a subscription renewal of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) and to contract with the Nevada Broadcaster's Association for public service announcements. The IPAWS system allows digital alerts, including cellular telephone messages, to the traditional analog system that has been in place since the 1950s. The project builds upon our existing base to implement the FEMA and DHS guidance for building and sustaining preparedness through proactive public outreach as well as community-based and private sector programs for a unified approach.

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

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

AGENDA ITEM # 5E3

PREVIOUS ACTION

November 13, 2012 – The Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approved a 2012 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for \$255,000.00.

November 12, 2013 - The Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approved a 2013 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for \$165,000.00.

October 28, 2014 - The Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approved a 2014 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for \$155,000.00.

BACKGROUND

This FFY15 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant is the continuation and sustainment of the citizen information and warning initiative begun in FFY 12. This project is an extension of the actions to build and sustain preparedness through public and private sector collaboration to provide proactive public information. This is being accomplished by using a digital, Common Access Protocol (CAP) compliant, interoperable emergency alerting system (EAS).

This project remains in the top five Nevada Homeland Security Commission priorities. Prior to this initiative, emergency managers had to telephone a radio station to record and send emergency alerts. Since the advent of this initiative, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Required Weekly Tests (RWT) and FCC Required Monthly Tests (RMT) have been successful launched in digital format from the REOC in the interest of providing for safe, secure, and healthy communities.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *2015 Homeland Security Grant, Public Information & Public Warning Project*

Scope of the Project: *The scope of this project is to deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the community through the use of clear, consistent, culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to relay information regarding any threat or hazard.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *The benefit of this funding is for notification of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the region from hazards and disasters.*

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

Award Amount: \$100,000.00

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: 97067.HL4

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: \$50,000 – EAS/IPAWS Portal Subscription; \$50,000 – EAS Messaging

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award, the adopted budget will be increased by \$100,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

| Cost Object | G/L Account | Amount |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Revenue: | | |
| I.O. 11264 | 431100 – Federal Grants | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Expenditures: | | |
| I.O. 11264 | 710100 – Professional Services | \$ 100,000.00 |

- *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 \$100,000.00 for a Public Information/Public Warning project; no match required; 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 | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| SUBGRANTEE: Washoe County Office of Emergency Management | CFDA / PROJECT NO: | 97067HL5 | |
| ADDRESS: 5195 Spectrum Blvd., Reno, NV 89512 | NDEM DUNS: | 607025848 | |
| PROJECT TITLE: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Grant FFY15 - State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) | SUB-GRANTEE DUNS: | 073786998 | |
| | FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS: | \$100,000.00 | |
| GRANT PERIOD: September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2017 | MATCHING FUNDS: | | |
| Special Notes: | TOTAL: | \$100,000.00 | |

| APPROVED BUDGET FOR PROJECT | | |
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| CATEGORY | TOTAL PROJECT COSTS | |
| Public Information and Warning | | \$100,000.00 |
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| FEDERAL GRANT TOTAL | | \$100,000.00 |
| SUB-GRANTEE MATCH TOTAL | | |

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 Henneston, Emergency Manager |
| <small>Name and Title of Approving Official</small> | <small>Name and Title of Approving Official</small> |
| X <i>Caleb S. Cage</i> 8/26/2015 | X <i>Aaron Henneston</i> 8-31-15 |
| <small>Signature of Approving Official</small> <small>Date:</small> | <small>Signature of Approving Official</small> <small>Date:</small> |

Individual N. or M. Member

Chief

Designee

J 8-26-15

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