

STAFF REPORT

Date: September 25, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 United We Stand (UWS) grant award #25-UWS-O1 of \$10,879.02 from Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to support the partial cost of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

RPD requests to accept the FY 2025 United We Stand (UWS) grant award #25-UWS-O1 of \$10,879.02 from Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to support the partial cost of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to be used against potential terrorist threats.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		x
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		x
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		x
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

Council has approved many grant awards from the Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The most recent was the acceptance of an FY 21 United We Stand (UWS) award at the June 2, 2021, Council Meeting (Item B.3).

Background:

Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) supports efforts for the community to prepare for and respond to emergencies involving hazardous substances and acts of terrorism. The funds used to support the United We Stand (UWS) program comes from the fees from the sales of UWS license plates and are used for preparedness against terrorism.

Discussion:

RPD identified need for UAV to augment its capacity to monitor threats at large gatherings, and events The UWS UAV will be used in tactical missions, including large structure building searches, perimeter searches for tactical and patrol teams, and interior building mapping. The integration of UAV technology is expected to improve safety for both the public and officers during these operations.

Financial Implications:

This program requires no matching funds. This funding does not cover the full cost of the proposed UAV, which is approximately \$21,200. RPD is seeking external funding for the remaining costs.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends acceptance of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 United We Stand (UWS) grant award #25-UWS-O1 of \$10,879.02 from Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to support the partial cost of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation and authorize the Mayor, City Manager and/or Chief of Police to sign the necessary documents.

Attachments:

FY 25 United We Stand Grant Subaward#: 25-UWS-O1