

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 12, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Jackie Bryant, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant Award 21-JAG-41 from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance to the City of Reno Police Department for breaching equipment in the amount of \$44,115.02.

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

The City of Reno has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$44,115.02 from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA) for the Reno Police Department to use for door breaching equipment. Staff recommends Council accept the grant award and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, Chief of Police and their designees required City staff to sign the necessary award documents.

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?	<1%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

Council approved the previous OCJA awards, including the FY 25 Regional Gang Unit Grant and the Human Exploitation and Trafficking Grant awards at the January 22, 2025, Council

Meeting (Items B.11 and B.12).

Discussion:

Breaching is the process used by law enforcement to gain entry to a secured or defended area. Officers need to “breach” locked doors in the course of their duties, when community members need protection or medical aid or when suspects present an imminent threat to public safety. Door rams facilitate entry into inward opening doors, like those of most residences, without the risk of injury associated with kicking a door open. The award of \$44,115.02 from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance will be used to purchase ninety-two rams for patrol vehicles. This grant is a part of a phased project to increase the availability of breaching equipment to allow officers to quickly and safely reach citizens when it matters most. The grant period is January 1, 2025- June 30, 2025.

Financial Implications:

There are no fiscal implications to the General Fund. The grant has no match requirement.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law. The City, by accepting this grant, agrees to comply with the terms of the grant application. These terms include reporting requirements, the provision of information for evaluation of the granting organization, and the provision of progress and financial reports on program activities, which will be completed by Reno Police Department personnel. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council acceptance of a grant award number 21-JAG-41 to the City of Reno Police Department from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance for breaching equipment in the amount of \$44,115.02 and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, Chief of Police and/or their designees to sign the necessary award documents and purchase orders.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

21-JAG-41 Patrol Emergency Action Team Breaching Grant Award Form
21-JAG-41 Patrol Emergency Action Team Breaching Grant Assurances