

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 12, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Jackie Bryant, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the FY 2024 Formula Justice Assistance Grant (15PBJA-24-GG-05299-JAGX) to the City of Reno for use by the Reno Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Sparks Police Department pursuant to a cooperative Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$211,642.

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

Staff recommends Council acceptance of Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 2024 Formula Justice Assistance Grant (15PBJA-24-GG-05299-JAGX). This funding will support law enforcement training, electric assist bicycles for its Mobile Engagement Team and law enforcement software and equipment for its Real Time Information Center. It will also support subawards to Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Sparks Police Department pursuant to a cooperative Interlocal Agreement.

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:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

Council granted authorization to proceed with the grant application and approved the cooperative Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, Washoe County and the City of Sparks for the use of the grant funds at the December 4, 2024, Council Meeting, Item B.7. Council has approved Justice Assistance Grants from U.S. Department of Justice for many years, the most recent being the 2023 Justice Assistance Grant accepted at the December 13, 2023, Council meeting, Item B.11.

Discussion:

Grant 15PBJA-23-GG-03654-JAGX was awarded on December 5, 2024 in the amount of \$211,642. The funding was awarded under a formula calculation done annually by the Bureau of Justice Assistance based on the Universal Crime Reporting information. The grant program requires the funds to be shared with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks. The three agencies agree on a 40 percent (Reno)/40 percent (Washoe)/20 percent (Sparks) split of the funding via the cooperative Interlocal Agreement that was previously presented and approved by Council. Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approved the Interlocal Agreement December 10, 2024, and Sparks City Council approved it January 13, 2025.

Funds are to be used by the parties for law enforcement training, operating costs, supplies and/or equipment. The City of Reno Police Department will be the fiscal agent for this grant. The technical award period is October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027. Practically, the period for disbursing funds will be the date of the award acceptance through September 30, 2027.

Financial Implications:

The JAG formula grant does not require a match.

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 and award documents, including all reporting requirements, provide information for evaluation to the granting organization and provide progress and financial reports on program activities, which will be completed by police department personnel. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council acceptance of Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 2024 Formula Justice Assistance Grant (15PBJA-24-GG-05299-JAGX) to the City of Reno for use by the Reno Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Sparks Police Department pursuant to a cooperative Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$211,642, and authorize the Mayor, City Manager and/or Chief of Police or her designee to sign the necessary document(s).

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

JAG 2024 Grant Award