

STAFF REPORT

Date: December 13, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant Award 23-JAG-08 from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance to the City of Reno Police Department for use by the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Team (HEAT) to combat human trafficking in the amount of \$74,750.

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

The City of Reno Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$74,750 from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA) to combat human trafficking (23-JAG-08). The funds will be used to support the operations overtime, training, equipment and supplies for the regional HEAT team. Staff recommends Council accept the grant award and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, Police Chief and/or other required City staff to sign the necessary 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?	.008%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

Council has approved numerous awards from OCJA. Council accepted last OCJA award for the HEAT Unit on January 26, 2023, Item B.7.

Discussion:

The focus of the project is to deter illegal solicitation of prostitution, especially from under-aged girls. This project will increase the number of cases and time spent in prevention, investigation and enforcement of sex trafficking, prostitution and pandering crimes. The funds will be used by the HEAT team for overtime operations, training, equipment and supplies. The grant period is January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024.

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, provisions of information for evaluation to the granting organization, and 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 Grant Award 23-JAG-08 from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance to the City of Reno Police Department for use by the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Team (HEAT) to combat human trafficking in the amount of \$74,750, authorize the Mayor, City Manager, Police Chief and/or other required City staff to sign the necessary documents

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

23-JAG-08 HEAT JAG Award Document

23-JAG-08 HEAT JAG Required Assurances