

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 Grant Award 15PBJA-24-GG-00211-BRND from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants to the City of Reno for use by the Reno Police Department in the amount of \$1,500,000. (Grant Funds)

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

Staff recommends Council acceptance of Grant Award 15PBJA-24-GG-00211-BRND from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants to the City of Reno for use by the Reno Police Department (RPD) in the amount of \$1,500,000. This grant award will fund wellness education, health and fitness equipment for the Public Safety Center, and physical and occupational therapy supports for RPD personnel.

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?	0.0%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

This grant opportunity was made possible through the support of Senators Rosen and Cortez Masto for the inclusion of an RPD Wellness Program as a designated project in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42) to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. Without their efforts, RPD would not have been eligible to apply for these funds.

Discussion:

The purpose of the Reno Police Department (RPD) Wellness Program is to create a healthy and resilient law enforcement workforce able to meet the challenges of modern policing in a growing community. Law enforcement is inherently dangerous. In addition to the obvious risk of physical injury due to violence, motor vehicle accidents, and environmental exposure, law enforcement personnel are exposed to a myriad of less obvious hazards. These include the physical and emotional toll of stress, exposure to both primary and secondary trauma, shift work, and unique demands of a given work assignment.

The purpose of this grant award is to foster the health and wellness of RPD workforce in the face of these challenges with three major strategies: 1) a rigorous wellness education program for law enforcement personnel and their families, 2) the equipping of a new public safety center to support the physical health of its employees, 3) occupational health screening and physical therapy supports. This grant award comes at an opportune time with the development of the new Public Safety Center. The grant period is October 1, 2024, through March 31, 2028.

Financial Implications:

This grant award does not require matching funds.

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 15PBJA-24-GG-00211-BRND from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants to the City of Reno for use by the Reno Police Department in the

amount of \$1,500,000, and authorize the Mayor, City Manager and/or Chief of Police to sign the necessary document(s).

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

FY 24 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant Award Document