

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 14, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: **Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a non-matching grant from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) award through the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Division of Emergency Management (DEM), to the City of Reno Fire Department (RFD) on behalf of the TRIAD for chemical monitors in the amount of \$66,556.68.**

From: Samantha Steere, Management Assistant

Department: Fire Department

Summary:

The Reno Fire Department (RFD), on behalf of the TRIAD Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Team, was awarded the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant. This award must be used to purchase the authorized chemical monitors. This grant focuses on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks. Through this grant, the TRIAD Team was awarded funds to purchase chemical monitors to more effectively respond to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) related incidents in the Washoe County area. This grant award meets two of the goals laid out in the City's Strategic Plan, Fiscal Sustainability and Public Safety. Staff recommends Council accept the FY22 SHSP grant award.

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

Fiscal Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Discussion:

The TRIAD Regional HazMat Team is the primary responder for Washoe County. TRIAD consists of over 100 personnel from RFD, Sparks Fire Department (SFD), and Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue (TMFR) who are capable of responding outside of the county while still being able to handle a Level I incident within the local jurisdiction. The team regularly responds to incidents where hazmat/CBRNE are located.

With the increased threats against infrastructure and transportation of hazardous and CBRNE materials, the TRIAD Team is in need of this equipment to properly protect the public and to coordinate with other local and state agencies if needed. These requested monitors will be utilized to respond to potential CBRNE events, to characterize or identify the hazards associated with a release, and to provide further protective measures for the citizens of Washoe County. This requested equipment will provide air monitoring for mercury, chlorine, and ammonia.

RFD will be accepting the grant as the purchasing agent for the TRIAD Regional HazMat Team. If required, staff will request a formal bid process with a minimum of three suppliers for the specific equipment needed. The City will choose the supplier, purchase, and receive the equipment.

Financial Implications:

None 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 SHSP grant, agrees to comply with the terms of the grant application, provide project and training information for evaluation to the granting organization, and provide progress and financial reports on program activities, which will be completed by the RFD. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council accept the grant award in the amount of \$66,556.68 and authorize the Fire Administrative Services Manager to electronically sign the acceptance of the grant award contract.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Award Letter

Subgrant Award

Standard Assurances

Grant Application