

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 11, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant Award 15JCOPS-23-GG-01710-TECP from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) to the City of Reno for use by the Reno Police Department in the amount of \$1,500,000.

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

Staff recommends Council acceptance of Grant Award 15JCOPS-23-GG-01710-TECP from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) to the City of Reno for use by the Reno Police Department in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

The FY 2023 COPS TEP is an invitation-only grant program. The program grants funds to State, local, Tribal, territorial, and other entities to develop and acquire effective equipment, technologies, and interoperable communications that assist in responding to and preventing crime. The goal of the program is to increase the community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts of law enforcement agencies. Thanks to the support of Senator Cortez Masto and Senator Rosen, the City of Reno was designated to be eligible to apply for this funding in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328).

Discussion:

Reno Police Department received notice of this grant award on September 20, 2023. The technical award period is December 29, 2022 through December 31, 2024. Practically, the period for disbursing funds will be the date of the award acceptance through December 31, 2024.

This grant funding will allow RPD to expand its forensic and investigative capabilities through the purchase of specialized equipment and software to document crime scenes and conduct criminal investigations. Its intended outcome is to improve the speed and effectiveness of its criminal investigations, while providing good stewardship of public resources.

Financial Implications:

This grant award 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 15JCOPS-23-GG-01710-TECP from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) 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:

Grant Award