

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** July 27, 2022

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Grant to reimburse the City of Reno for costs related to disinfection services at the Reno Public Safety Center and temperature screening at City Hall during the COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of \$43,667.39.

**From:** Patricia Sebastian

**Department:** Public Works – Capital Projects

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**Summary:** Staff recommends Council accept the FEMA Public Assistance Grant to the City of Reno in the amount of \$43,667.39 as reimbursement for disinfection services at the Reno Public Safety Center and temperature screening services at City Hall during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Fiscal Sustainability

**Previous Council Action:** There is no recent Council action relevant to this agenda item.

**Background:** On March 13, 2020, the President declared the COVID-19 pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”). Public Assistance Grant funding was made available to the State of Nevada through the Nevada Division of Emergency

Management and local municipal agencies like the City of Reno were eligible to apply. The incident period has been defined as January 20, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

**Discussion:** Emergency protective measures were put in place by the City of Reno to protect its employees and citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. Such measures included additional disinfection services at the Public Safety Center, as well as temperature screenings at City Hall. Expenses for these activities have already been incurred in 2021; the respective expenses have been reviewed by FEMA and deemed eligible for 100 percent reimbursement.

On May 10, 2022, the Nevada Division of Emergency Management notified City of Reno staff that the grant for the abovementioned activities has been approved and is ready to be awarded.

**Financial Implications:** The grant award will reimburse the General Fund for costs already incurred in 2021. The amounts are \$13,496.57 for disinfection services at the Public Safety Center and \$30,170.82 for City Hall temperature screening, for a total of \$43,667.39. This FEMA Public Assistance Grant provides 100% reimbursement and does not have a cost share requirement.

**Legal Implications:** Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Council accept the FEMA Public Assistance Grant to the City of Reno in the amount of \$43,667.39 as reimbursement for disinfection services at the Reno Public Safety Center and temperature screening services at City Hall during the COVID-19 pandemic and authorize the City Manager to sign the related grant acceptance documents.

**Proposed Motion:** I move to approve staff recommendation and authorize the City Manager to sign the related grant acceptance documents.

**Attachments:**

Sub Recipient Grant Award – PSC Cleaning

Sub Recipient Grant Award – Temp Taking CH