



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: October 18, 2018

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Agenda Title: For possible action: To accept a grant from the Department of Justice, 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, to fund a Behavioral Health Peace Officer position in the amount of \$93,480. (Sheriff Furlong, kfurlong@carson.org)

Staff Summary: This grant would provide funds in an effort to prevent and reduce crime and to improve the criminal justice system within Nevada and Carson City. The Behavioral Health Peace Officer position would fill the gaps and supplement current programs including MOST (Mobile Outreach Safety Team) and FASTT (Forensic Assessment Services Triage Team). The position would also enhance community conversation, provide departmental training and serve as a first responder to critical calls for service.

Agenda Action: Formal Action/Motion

Time Requested: 5 minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to accept the grant from the Department of Justice, 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, to fund a Behavioral Health Peace Officer position in the amount of \$93,480.

Board's Strategic Goal

Safety

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

The overarching goal of Carson City's Behavioral Health Peace Officer position is, at the core, the basis for public safety: save lives and improve individuals' quality of life. This must be performed through objective and measurable results. This program will address these problems through two strategies: a) diverting appropriate individuals from arrest, and b) reducing incarceration time of those who are arrested. These goals will be achieved through collaborative partnerships with non-law enforcement governmental agencies, courts, and non-profit organizations, strengthening the resolve and partnership with the Mobile Outreach Safety Team, instructing deputies and regional partners in behavioral health best practices and collaborating with the members of the Forensic Assessment Services Triage Team. Request to apply for Behavioral Health Grant was taken and approved by the board on April 5, 2018.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number: Behavioral Health 275-2021-421.XX-XX

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

The grant has no required match but does not cover the entire expense related to this officer of \$93,480. Some of the uncovered expenses are contractual obligations including; longevity, physical agility, POST education payment, and uniform allowance and overtime, which we estimate to total \$8,100 for the year. This amount would need to be augmented from the General Fund.

Alternatives

Not to accept the grant.

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)