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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 24, 2015

DATE: March 4, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's Office, 325-6710 vjakubowski@da.washoecounty.us
THROUGH: Christopher J. Hicks, District Attorney
SUBJECT: **Recommendation to accept renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of \$80,000 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the period May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, with remaining \$20,000 position cost covered by District Attorney General Fund budget. (All Commission Districts).**

SUMMARY

The District Attorney's Office is asking the Commission accept renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of \$80,000 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) award to Nevada HIDTA for the period May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, with remaining \$20,000 position cost covered by District Attorney General Fund budget.

The Northern Nevada Prosecutor funding is part of the Prosecution initiative proposed by the Executive Board of the Nevada HIDTA and approved by ONDCP.

County Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board of County Commissioners has accepted funding from HIDTA grant funds to partially pay for a Deputy District Attorney on the following dates:

- March 25, 2014
- March 26, 2013
- March 27, 2012
- March 22, 2011
- February 23, 2010
- February 24, 2009

BACKGROUND

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), a component of the Executive Office of the President, was established by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

AGENDA ITEM # 6C1

The Director of The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is authorized to designate areas within the United States which exhibit serious drug trafficking problems and harmfully impact other areas of the country as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA). The HIDTA Program provides additional federal resources to those areas to help eliminate or reduce drug trafficking and its harmful consequences.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

- Project/Program Name:** Northern Nevada HIDTA Prosecutor.
- Scope of the Project:** Provide prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force.
- Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Provide a safe community for the residents and visitors of Washoe County.
- On-Going Program Support:** Funding has been in place since 2009. The Deputy D.A. position still has no guarantee of retention should the funding be discontinued.
- Award Amount:** \$80,000
- Grant Period:** May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016
- Funding Source:** Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Pass through:** This is not a sub-award. Funding is received from Nevada HIDTA fiduciary member (Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)
- CFDA Number:** 94.001
- Grant ID Number:** G15NV0001A
- Match Amount and Type:** No match required but the Deputy District Attorney position cost exceeds grant amount and remaining \$20,000 will be covered with County General Fund appropriation.

Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award):

Grant's recoverable indirect cost rate:

- Indirect costs are fully recoverable
- Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery
- Sponsor has limited indirect cost recovery at ___ %
- Sponsor requires indirect Cost Rate Approved by Cognizant Agency

Special Terms & Conditions: n/a

Sub-Awards and Contracts: n/a

FISCAL IMPACT

The District Attorney's FY 14-15 base budget includes the budget authority for this activity. Therefore, no budget adjustment is necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission accept renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of \$80,000 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the period May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, with remaining \$20,000 position cost covered by District Attorney General Fund budget.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion is "Move to accept renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of \$80,000 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the period May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, with remaining \$20,000 position cost covered by District Attorney General Fund budget. "