

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** February 12, 2020

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Sabra Newby, City Manager

**Subject:** **B.9. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant from the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission for the 2019 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) grant via Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee to the City of Reno Police Department for the purchase of equipment to respond to hazardous material incidents in the amount of \$3,277.**

**From:** Jason Soto, Police Chief

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**Summary:** The City of Reno Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,277 from the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission for the FY 2020 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) grant via Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee. The funds will be used to purchase law enforcement equipment for the Consolidated All-Hazards Response (CLEAR) Team.

**Previous Council Action:** Council has approved many grant awards involving the Reno Police Department, including a number from the Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee. The most recent was at the October 21, 2018 Council meeting, item B.4.

**Discussion:** A grant (#20-OPTE-01) in the amount of \$3,277 was awarded from the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission for the FY 2020 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) grant via Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to the City of Reno Police Department on December 17, 2019. The funds will be used to purchase law enforcement equipment for the Consolidated All-Hazards Response (CLEAR) Team. The CLEAR team was created to fill the gap in criminal investigations where hazardous materials are present or were utilized in a criminal activity. This team is currently comprised of officers from the RPD, Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO), and University of Nevada Police Department (UNRPD). The funds will provide support for holsters, duty belts, flashlights and armor plating that can be used in conjunction with equipment designed to limit the officer's exposure to hazardous materials.

**Financial Implications:** No financial impact to the General Fund. There are no match

requirements for this grant.

**Legal Implications:** The City, by acceptance this grant, agrees to comply with the terms of the grant application including reporting requirements, provision of information for evaluation to the granting organizations, and the provision of 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 acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$3,277 to the City of Reno Police Department from the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission for the FY 2020 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) via Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee and authorize the Mayor and appropriate City staff to execute the necessary grant documents.

**Proposed Motion:** I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

- FY 2020 OPTE (PDF)