
**NEVADA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 23, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Keith Royal, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting the US Department of Justice Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant Award 2018-BC-BX-0006 in the maximum amount of \$123,000 for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution

FUNDING: Funding is for October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021 and impacts the Sheriff's Office Operations, Animal Control, Court Holding and Corrections budgets. The grant is in the amount of \$123,000 for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021. Additional associated costs to implement the program are estimated at \$463,079 over the three-year period and will be covered using special revenue funds received by the Sheriff's Office. It is expected that all grant monies will be utilized during FY 2018/19. A budget amendment will be included in a consolidated or standalone budget amendment as needed to be timed with the purchase of the cameras and related equipment/expenses.

BACKGROUND:

The Sheriff's Office received notice that the US Department of Justice approved the May 2018 application for funding the FY 18 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program in the amount of \$123,000 for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021. This federal grant would be used to purchase up to 82 body-worn cameras and related equipment for use by Sheriff's Deputies, Animal Control Officers and Correctional Officers. The intent of the program is to help agencies develop, implement, and evaluate a Body-Worn Camera program as one tool in a law enforcement agency's comprehensive problem solving approach to enhance officer safety and build community trust. The Sheriff's Office will collaborate with our allied agencies to develop and implement this program.

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This program will require additional funding to cover increased personnel costs, digital media evidence storage (DWE), development of policy, equipment maintenance, as well as travel/training expenses. The Sheriff's Office plans to use special fund revenue to cover these additional costs. Most of the grant monies will be used to purchase equipment. The body-worn cameras alone will cost approximately \$82,000. It is also important to note that the implementation of this program may possibly impact the budgets of the District Attorney, Public Defender, and County Counsel Offices. Additional staff time will be necessary to review and release digital recordings.

The grant has many requirements. One is that we must develop and implement a Body-Worn Camera policy within 90 days of grant acceptance. We also must collect data to measure outputs and outcomes. Quarterly financial reports will be filed with the federal government as well as semi-annual performance reports.

The three main objectives of the Body-Worn Camera Program are to:

- Provide for transparency and accountability
- Develop policies that provide for privacy and operational procedures
- Implement the use of Body-Worn Cameras by the Sheriff's Office

Animal Control Officers recently began a pilot program utilizing body-worn cameras. To date they have been pleased with the results. We will meet and confer with the affected labor organizations prior to implementing the program.

Initiated and Approved by: Keith Royal