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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 14, 2017

DATE: October 24, 2017
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the FY18 Community Case Managers grant from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing in the amount of [\$240,000; no County match] retroactively from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency has been awarded \$240,000 for the FY18 Community Case Managers grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 14, 2017 in item 5.J.1, the Board authorized acceptance of an additional \$32,606.47 in federal funds, through DPBH, to extend the original grant through September 30, 2017.

On May 24, 2016 in item 19, the Board authorized acceptance of \$242,617.00 in federal funds, through DPBH, to assist clients moving from transitional housing into more permanent housing.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

Washoe County accepted a Federal CABHI grant (Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals-SAMHSA), in May, 2016, with the goal of ensuring that the most vulnerable people experiencing chronic homelessness receive access to housing, treatment, and recovery support services. Community Case Managers provide linkages to treatment and recovery services, specifically targeted to the complex needs of the chronically homeless population.

The Community Case Managers carry a low caseload, 1 to 10, to allow them the time needed to conduct outreach activities along the river, hospital emergency rooms, parks, the downtown library and other places frequented by chronically homeless people. While there were no dedicated housing resources associated with the CABHI grant, the Case Managers utilize public and private community resources to assist clients moving from homelessness to transitional housing and more permanent housing.

The Community Case Managers focus on rapid re-housing of individuals and families whose incomes is at or below 50% of area median income and who meet one of the following criteria:

- Sleeping in an emergency shelter;
- Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, abandoned buildings, streets/sidewalks, the banks of the Truckee River etc.;
- Staying in a hospital or other institution for up to 180 days but homeless immediately prior to entry into the hospital or institution;
- Graduating from or timing out of, a transitional housing program;
- Escaping domestic violence.

Through an RFP process, three community-based agencies were chosen to house a Community Case Manager to conduct outreach activities throughout the community and connect chronically homeless people to housing and other needed services. These agencies are Northern NV HOPES, Community Health Alliance, and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada.

During FY 16-17, the Community Case Managers successfully moved 79 chronically homeless individuals into housing and conducted 488 outreach contacts with chronically homeless individuals throughout the community.

The transition in funding from the federal CABHI grant to the federal Mental Health Block Grant provides a more stable funding source for the program.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Behavioral Health, Wellness and Planning

Scope of Project: Individuals with Serious Mental Illness in Washoe County who are at risk of, or chronically homeless, will be offered outreach and engagement services, intensive case management services, and assisted with access to bridge housing and permanent supportive housing.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Funding will expand services to chronically homeless individuals, assisting them with access to housing, substance abuse and mental health treatment, primary care and other needed services.

On-Going Program Support: Additional funding is being sought for future years to enable services to continue.

Award Amount: \$240,000

Grant Period: October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

Funding Source: Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

Pass through From: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services,
Division of Public & Behavioral Health

CFDA Number: 93.958

Grant ID Number: SM010039-17

Match Amount and Type: No required match

Special Terms & Conditions: None

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Contract for Case Managers through local community organizations

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this grant award, the Agency’s FY18 adopted budget will be increased in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
11453	431100 – Federal Grants	\$240,000
11453	710100 – Professional Services	\$240,000

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve the FY 18 Community Case Managers grant from the State of Nevada, Division Public and Behavioral Health to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing in the amount of [\$240,000; no County match] retroactively from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board approve Staff's recommendation, the possible motion would be:
"Move to approve the FY 18 Community Case Managers grant from the State of Nevada, Division Public and Behavioral Health to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing in the amount of [\$240,000; no County match] retroactively from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments."