



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

DATE: Wednesday, August 22, 2018
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 Human Services Block Grant: Title XX Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of [\$663,807] to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; authorize the Agency to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Agency is recommending the Board approve a Human Services Block Grant: Title XX Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of [\$663,807] to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; authorize the Agency to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 27, 2018 in item 9J2, the Board accepted the Social Services Block Grant Title XX Supplemental Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of [\$10,000] to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On September 12, 2017 in item 17, the Board accepted the Social Services Block Grant: Title XX Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of [\$655,775] to

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promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

BACKGROUND

Retroactive approval is requested due to the timing of the notice of the supplemental award for the grant, received July 25, 2018.

Title XX of the Social Security Act provides for funding to states to provide locally relevant social services through the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). States have substantial discretion in the use of SSBG funds. Each State determines what services are provided, who is eligible to receive them, and how funds are used. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services allocates these funds to state and non-state programs providing social services in urban and rural communities statewide. Through the SSBG States provide essential social services that help achieve a myriad of goals to reduce dependency and promote self-sufficiency; protect children and adults from neglect, abuse and exploitation; and help individuals who are unable to take care of themselves to stay in their homes or to find the best institutional arrangements.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Social Services Block Grant: Title XX

Scope of the Project: Promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care by providing behavioral health and domestic violence evaluation and treatment for adults and children, care for children at emergency shelters and foster homes <90 days, develop Safe Baby Court and provide tutoring for foster children

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care.

On-Going Program Support: Social Services Block Grant Title XX funds were included as a part of the funding for the Block Grant awarded to agencies which provide child welfare services in the 2011 Legislative session, as outlined in NRS 432B.2185.

Award Amount: \$ 663,807

Grant Period: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services

CFDA Number: 93.667

Grant ID Number: G-180INVSOSR
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Match Amount and Type: No Match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Agency will contract for professional services following the County’s competitive bid process, and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 200 CFR.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board approve this grant award, the adopted FY19 budget will be amended to increase revenues and expenditures as follows:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
11494	431100 – Federal Revenue	\$663,807
11494	710729 – Mental Health Assessment	\$200,000
11494	710701 – Emergency Shelter	\$463,807

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve Human Services Block Grant: Title XX Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of [\$663,807] to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; authorize the Agency to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments..

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to approve a Human Services Block Grant: Title XX Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of [\$663,807] to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; authorize the Agency to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments..”