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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *June 21, 2022*

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept Amendment #2 to the FY21 Public Law 116 Chafee subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$29,178.00; no County match required] retroactive for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022 to support youth/young adults aging/aged out of the foster care system successfully transition to independent living; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make necessary budget amendment. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The John H. Chafee Foster Care Program is designed to provide flexible funding directed at assisting youth and young adults likely to remain in foster care until age 18 by providing them services and financial assistance for transitioning from foster care to independent living and achieve greater independence. On December 27, 2020, the Public Law 116-260 was signed into law, providing supplemental appropriations to Chafee Foster Care Program. The Human Services Agency received Amendment #2, which provides additional funding of \$29,178.00 for providing expanded services as prescribed by Public Law 116 Chafee Expansion.

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and authorize the Agency Director to execute grant documents. The Agency recommends acceptance of Amendment #2 to the FY21 PL116 Chafee subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, DCFS in the amount of [\$29,178.00; no County match], retroactive for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 22, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #15, the Agency's request to accept the FY21 PL116 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the

AGENDA ITEM # _____

State of Nevada DHHS, DCFS in the amount of \$658,600.00 (no County match) retroactive from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

On September 8, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8, the Agency's request to accept the FY21 Chafee Program sub-grant award from the State of Nevada DHHS, DCFS in the amount of \$236,810 (\$59,203 County match) retroactive from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

On August 27, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #17, the Department's request to accept \$217,119 (\$54,280 County match) in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada DHHS, DCFS retroactively from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On November 27, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #9, the Department's request to accept \$184,050 (\$46,013 County match) in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada DHHS, DCFS retroactively from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

On August 8, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #23, the Department's request to accept \$225,000 in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada DHHS, DCFS retroactively from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On September 13, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8, the Department's request to accept \$250,000 in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada DHHS, DCFS retroactively from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

On March 22, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6A, the Department's request to accept an additional \$25,000 in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada DHHS, DCFS retroactively for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The Board has accepted an additional \$951,192 in Chafee program awards on behalf of the Human Services Agency since 2013. Washoe County has received funding from the Chafee program since 2003.

BACKGROUND

The Human Services Agency has been responsible for child welfare in Washoe County over 35 years. Children's Services currently provides the full continuum of care to victims of child abuse including child protective services, foster care and adoption, licensing, congregate care, and Independent Living and clinical case management. Washoe County has received funds from the Chafee program since 2013 to support activities for youth aging/aged out of the foster program.

The President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, into law on December 27, 2020. In general, the law makes continuing appropriations for specified federal agencies and provides flexibilities and assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency. Division X of P.L. 116-260 provides

supplemental appropriations for the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee) program, Education and Training Vouchers (ETV) program, the MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, and the Court Improvement Program. Division X also includes temporary provisions related to foster care and Chafee programs for older youth.

The Agency received the Notice of Subaward for the subgrant on May 4, 2022; therefore, the request to accept this amendment is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: PL116 Chafee

Scope of the Project: The PL116 Chafee program provides transportation assistance to foster youth and aged out youth ages 15-21; enhanced service delivery and fiscal support to youth ages 18-21 who aged out of foster care after January 27, 2020; enhanced service delivery and fiscal support to youth ages 21-26 who have aged out of the foster care system; and expanded access to education on Independent Living skills to youth ages 14-21.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program provides support services and financial assistance to youth in the foster care system as they transition to adulthood and live independently.

On-Going Program Support: The Agency has received funding to operate Independent Living program from the Chafee program since 2003.

Initial Award Amount: \$658,600.00 (\$658,600 direct/\$0 indirect)
Amendment #2: \$ 29,178.00
Total Award Amount: \$687,778.00

Grant Period: October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children & Families

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada, DHHS
Division of Child and Family Services

CFDA Number: 93.674

Grant ID Number: 93674-21-103

Match Amount and Type: n/a

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Agency will follow the County and federal grant procurement guidelines for any subawards and contracts.

As there are no salaries or wages associated with this grant, no indirect has been included.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award amendment, the FY22 Human Services Agency, adopted budget will be increased by \$29,178.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11840 - 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 29,178.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 29,178.00
IO 11840 - 710100	Professional Services	\$ 5,000.00
- 711210	Travel	\$ 2,978.00
- 710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 21,200.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 29,178.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept Amendment #2 to the FY21 Public Law 116 Chafee subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$29,178.00; no County match required] retroactive for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022 to support youth/young adults aging/aged out of the foster care system successfully transition to independent living; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant documents; and direct the Comptroller’s office to make necessary budget amendment.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “move to accept Amendment #2 to the FY21 Public Law 116 Chafee subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$29,178.00; no County match required] retroactive for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022 to support youth/young adults aging/aged out of the foster care system successfully transition to independent living; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant documents; and direct the Comptroller’s office to make necessary budget amendment.”