



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 27, 2018

**DATE:** February 6, 2018  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept an FY18 Supplemental Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$600,000; \$150,000 County match] retroactive for the period of September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; authorize the Department to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

The Department is requesting the Board accept a FY18 Supplemental Victim of Crime Act sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$600,000; \$150,000 County match] retroactive for the period of September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; authorize the Department to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The Department did not receive notice of the award until February 6, 2018.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 8, 2017 the Board approved item #22, the acceptance of the FY18 Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant award in the amount of \$2,087,400 (\$521,850 county match required for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018).

On March 14, 2017 the Board approved a recommendation to approve interfund appropriation transfers to track certain grant and capital funds; and directed the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate appropriation transfers (net impact to County Budget zero). The action moved 2017 VOCA funding to Fund 225, Fund 270 and Fund 402.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

On December 13, 2016 the Board approved item #12 the acceptance of two Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant awards in the amount of \$200,658 (\$50,165 county match required) and \$120,923 (\$30,231 county match required) for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

On July 26, 2016 the Board approved item #10 the acceptance of a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant award in the amount of \$1,765,819 (\$441,445 in-kind match required) for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

On July 28, 2015 the Board approved item #5H3 the acceptance of a VOCA grant in the amount of \$115,000 (\$28,750 county match required) for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The Board has routinely accepted VOCA funds since October 2005.

### **BACKGROUND**

Retroactive approval is requested due to the timing of the Notice of Subgrant Award (NOSA) for the FY18 VOCA grant. The State sent the NOSA to the Department on February 6, 2018.

A Federal Child and Family Services Review in 2004 found a lack of understanding of the impact of violence on children and families. In response to this critical area of need, the Department received permission from Finance in 2005 to apply for VOCA grant funds to provide direct services to children, adolescents and their non-offending parents and siblings.

The primary purpose of VOCA is to support the provision of services to victims of crime throughout the nation. According to the VOCA program guidelines, services are defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; (3) help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. For the purpose of the VOCA crime assistance grant program, a crime victim is a person who has suffered physical, sexual, financial or emotional harm as a result of a crime.

In prior years the Department contracted with the Committee to Aid Abused Women (CAAW) to provide a full-time domestic violence advocate to work with the Department in providing services to victims of child abuse and/or domestic violence. Department staff has worked with the domestic violence advocate to develop and implement a joint response service model for child abuse and domestic violence cases to enhance the safety and wellbeing of children and their non-offending parents. Previous grant awards also supported assistance to victims with crisis intervention services, temporary housing, utilities, transportation, childcare and emergency food and personal items.

Due to the increase of funding available the current grant award will provide services and assistance to any type of crime victim and is not limited to those victims of domestic violence as previous awards have been.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program

**Scope of the Project:** This funding will enhance the agency's ability to provide services and assistance to residents including children, adults and seniors who are victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, economic exploitation and underserved populations such as seniors and will provide an array of support including shelter, nutrition, case management, crisis intervention, medical, legal, counseling and other supportive services.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The VOCA funding will be used to serve Washoe County residents across the continuum of care to include children, adults and seniors.

**On-Going Program Support:** VOCA funds are awarded each year, those funds would be used to support the costs of any ongoing programs

**Award Amount:** \$600,000

**Grant Period:** September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

**Funding Source:** Department of Justice, Victims of Crime Act

**Pass Through Entity:** State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services

**CFDA Number:** 16.575

**Grant ID Number:** 16575-16-065

**Match Amount and Type:** \$150,000 non-federal match

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The Department will contract with professional service providers as needed to fulfill the scope of work requirements using the County's competitive bid process and federal grant procurement guidelines.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by \$600,000 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object</b>	<b>G/L Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
11468	431100 – Federal Grants	\$600,000
11468	701110 – Base Salaries	\$63,441
11468	711504 – Equipment Non Capital	\$370,535
11468	710712 – Family Preservation	\$158,124
11468	710500 – Other Expense	\$2,900
11468	710509 – Seminars and Meetings	\$5,000

County match in the amount of \$150,000 is budgeted in the adopted FY18 Child Welfare Fund 228.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept an FY18 Supplemental Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$600,000; \$150,000 County match] retroactive for the period of September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; authorize the Department 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 accept an FY18 Supplemental Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$600,000; \$150,000 County match] retroactive for the period of September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; authorize the Department to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."