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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 19, 2022

DATE: Thursday, July 14, 2022
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 accept the Children's Justice Act FY23 sub-grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$40,050.00; no county match required] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the subaward documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency is requesting the Board of County Commissioners accept a Children's Justice Act sub-grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$40,050.00; \$0 county match] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Funds under the FY23 Child Justice's Act grant will support specialized and advanced training for child protection workers and provide appropriate technology for investigation and assessment of child abuse and neglect.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 20, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 8.E.1, the Department's request to accept \$2,500.00 (no County match) in Children's Justice Act funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactive to May 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

On August 31, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 5.G.2, the Department's request to accept \$53,950 (no County match) in Children's Justice Act funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

On August 27, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 7.K.2, the Department's request to accept \$29,865.33 (no County match) in Children's Justice Act

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funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On September 25, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 6.K.4, the Department's request to accept \$3,104 (no County match) in Children's Justice Act funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactive to July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

On September 27, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 8.C, the Department's request to accept \$30,000 (no County match) in Children's Justice Act funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND

The State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services awards federal Children's Justice Act (CJA) funding to assist qualifying agencies in developing, establishing, and operating programs designed to improve the assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases including child sexual abuse and neglect-related fatalities; the investigation of cases of suspected child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation; and, the assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect. CJA funding has supported critical trainings and technology in the past.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Children's Justice Act

Scope of the Project: Provide specialized trainings for child protection workers and stakeholders with discipline specific and advanced training, and technology to improve the investigation and assessment of child abuse and neglect.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The benefits to residents will be quality trained staff with advanced skills and resources to address the needs of child victims.

On-Going Program Support: CJA funding provides an ongoing source of support for relevant areas within the Department that enhances continued efforts to address child protection needs in Washoe County.

Award Amount: \$40,050.00

Grant Period: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Administration for Children & Families

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health & Human Services

Division of Child and Family Services

CFDA Number: 93.643

Grant ID Number: 93643-21-003

Match Amount and Type: No match required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Human Services Agency complies with the Washoe County Procurement Policy, Grants Manual, competitive bid process, and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined by 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Guidance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY23 Human Services Agency, Child Protection Services (Fund 228) adopted budget will be increased by \$40,050.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12018 -431100	Federal Grants	\$ 40,050.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 40,050.00
IO 12018 -711210	Travel	\$ 23,250.00
-710100	Professional Services	\$ 12,000.00
-711508	Computers Noncapital	\$ 4,800.00
	Total Expenses	\$ 40,050.00

This grant award has no county match requirement. There are no indirect costs as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Children’s Justice Act sub-grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$40,050.00; no county match required] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the subaward documents; 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 a Children’s Justice Act sub-grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$40,050.00; no county match required] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the subaward documents; and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the necessary budget amendments.”