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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *June 28, 2022*

DATE: June 9, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Sole Source waiver to establish an Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care Services Reno for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed [\$661,500.00] annually; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency is requesting the Board approve Sole Source waiver to establish an Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care Services Reno for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed [\$661,500.00] annually; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 17, 2021, the Board approved Amendment #1 to the Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care Services Reno to support the pilot program for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence retroactive August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for [\$612,000] to be funded with Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as allowable; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute Amendment #1; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary cross-fund, cross-function budget appropriation transfers.

On May 28, 2021, a Sole Source waiver was accepted to establish the pilot program for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence. As a result of this Sole Source waiver, the Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care

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Services Reno to support the pilot was executed in the amount of \$99,000 for the initial term of June 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021.

BACKGROUND

The Human Services Agency is seeking a sole source waiver for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence. These services include the provision of living space as well as access to a comprehensive case management and continuum of care for this high-need/high-intensity population.

This program was originally incepted as pilot program to establish an emergency agreement because the clients need to be moved immediately from an inappropriate shelter to a location capable of managing their medical, psychiatric, and pharmaceutical needs as well as their case management and support services needs related to their IDD or SMI diagnoses. HSA reviewed other group home service providers available within the community; however, others did not have the medical, psychiatric, or pharmaceutical resources needed that WellCare Services of Reno has been able to provide. Year one of the pilot is nearly complete. HSA is seeking to extend the pilot for up to two additional years to collect sufficient data on the long term needs of this population as we collaborate with the State to establish more permanent supportive housing alternatives across the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this agreement there will be no additional impact to the Human Services Agency's FY23 adopted budget. It is anticipated this contract will be funded by the FY22 budget authority carried forward into FY23 in the Other Restricted Fund (F270) in IO 11911 Office of County Manager – SLFRF-WellCare, in GL 710734 (Residential Assistance).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board to approve Sole Source waiver to establish an Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care Services Reno for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed [\$661,500.00] annually; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve Sole Source waiver to establish an Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care Services Reno for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed [\$661,500.00] annually; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement."