



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *March 31, 2020*

DATE: March 3, 2020

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 a Grant Agreement between Washoe County and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$371,250] retroactively from January 17, 2020 in support of children in foster care for calendar year 2020; ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The receipt of grant awards requires acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners. HSA is requesting the Board accept a Grant Agreement between Washoe County and The William N. Pennington Foundation to support children in foster care for calendar year 2020 in the amount of \$371,250 to provide approximately 825 Washoe County foster children with: clothes, school supplies, extracurricular activities costs, and Christmas presents, at roughly \$450 per child.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND

The William N. Pennington Foundation was founded in 1989 with a focus on supporting education, community services, health care, and medical research primarily in the State of Nevada, with an emphasis on Reno and Northern Nevada. The Foundation supports organizations that help people and families persevere through difficult times and is known for providing funding to support clothing and educational needs for disadvantaged citizens.

The Agency received the notice of award for this grant agreement on January 23, 2020 with an effective date of January 17, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this grant agreement is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *Pennington Foundation – Foster Children Support*

Scope of the Project: *Funding has been provided for approximately 825 foster children in Washoe County to be provided with support for calendar year 2020.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *This funding will provide significant support to the foster children in HSA's care by assisting the Agency with supplying clothing, school supplies, extracurricular activities costs, and Christmas presents as needed by each child in the amount of roughly \$450 per child.*

On-Going Program Support: *This grant will help HSA in supporting the needs of the foster children and assist in providing normalcy activities to support their wellbeing and transition through foster care. These are costs that present regardless of this funding source and continue to be a year to year need addressed by HSA.*

Award Amount: \$371,250

Grant Period: 01/17/2020 – 12/31/2020

Funding Source: *William N. Pennington Foundation*

Pass Through Entity: *N/A*

CFDA Number: *N/A*

Grant ID Number: *N/A*

Match Amount and Type: *N/A*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *N/A.*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant agreement the Human Services Agency Fund (F228) FY20 adopted budget will need to be amended by \$371,250 in the following revenue and expenditure account:

Increase Revenues

IO 20478-484195 Non-Govt'l Grants	\$371,250.00
Total Revenue	\$371,250.00

Increase Expenditures

IO 20478-710712 Family Preservation	\$371,250.00
Total Expenditures	\$371,250.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Grant Agreement between Washoe County and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$371,250] retroactively from January 17, 2020 in support of children in foster care for calendar year 2020; ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the agreement; 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 Grant Agreement between Washoe County and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$371,250] retroactively from January 17, 2020 in support of children in foster care for calendar year 2020; ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."