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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 14, 2017

DATE: October 25, 2017
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Approve the FY18 Senior Mental Health grant from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to provide mental health support for seniors in the amount of [\$75,000; no county match] retroactively from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency has been awarded \$75,000 for the FY 18 Senior Mental Health grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to provide mental health support for seniors.

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 23, 2016 in item 5.K.2, the Board authorized acceptance of \$47,020 in federal funds, through DPBH, to provide mental health support for seniors

BACKGROUND

Over the past twelve months, Washoe County Human Services Agency, Senior Services has experienced a number of incidences that have highlighted a lack of mental health services and infrastructure for seniors, creating an inability to respond to immediate mental health needs of seniors in our community. These include seniors who have exhibited suicidal thoughts, aggression, agitation, depression, cognitive decline, and substance abuse.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The 60+ senior population is the fastest growing age group in Washoe County, projected to reach 100,000 people by 2020. Many seniors live in the unincorporated areas of Washoe County, making socialization, access to services and engagement in programs challenging.

The Agency previously received grant funding to provide mental health services to seniors from the Aging and Disability Services Division for FY 2006/07 through FY 2009/10. Services provided by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker featured individual therapy, couples counseling, family counseling, and mental health screening and testing. Over the four-year period that mental health services were funded, over 370 seniors received these services. When grant support ended in FY 2009/10, during the middle of the recession, the County was unable to continue funding the much needed mental health services.

The Agency intends to hire a contract Licensed Clinical Social Worker after completing a Request for Proposal process.

The Agency will collect data regarding the mental health and substance abuse needs of seniors in anticipation of another funding request to the Board for a mental health unit and/or contract services to build internal capacity in this area.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Mental Health Support for Seniors

Scope of Project: To provide mental health support for seniors suffering from serious mental illness needing treatment, case management, rehabilitation and other support services to better function in the community.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Enhanced safety and well-being of seniors.

On-Going Program Support: Additional funding is being sought for future years to enable services to continue.

Award Amount: \$75,000

Grant Period: October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

Funding Source: Community Mental Health Block Grant – MHBG

Pass through From: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services,

Division of Public & Behavioral Health

CFDA Number: 93.958

Grant ID Number: SM010039-17

Match Amount and Type: No required match

Special Terms & Conditions: None

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Contract for mental health services to seniors

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this grant award, the Agency's FY18 adopted budget will be increased in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
11456	431100 – Federal Grants	\$75,000
11456	710100 – Professional Services	\$71,575
11456	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$3,181
11456	710509 – Seminars and Meetings	\$244

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve the FY18 Senior Mental Health grant from the State of Nevada, Division Public and Behavioral Health to provide mental health support for seniors in the amount of [\$75,000; no county match] retroactively from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board approve Staff's recommendation, the possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the FY18 Senior Mental Health grant from the State of Nevada, Division Public and Behavioral Health to provide mental health support for seniors in the amount of [\$75,000; no county match] retroactively from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.”