



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *January 14, 2025*

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 22, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a FY25 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$252,756.00; \$63,189.00 county match], retroactive from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award and related documents; and direct the Finance office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

Recommendation to accept a FY25 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$252,756.00; \$63,189.00 county match], retroactive from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award and related documents; and direct the Finance office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The Chafee Program is designed to offer flexible funding that assists youth who are likely to remain in foster care until age 18 and provide services intended to help these youth transition from foster care to independent living.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Vulnerable Populations

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On October 10, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7.C.7., the Agency's request to accept a FY24 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$247,845.00; \$61,462.00 county match retroactive from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

On August 23, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #15, the Agency's request to accept a FY23 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$254,953; \$63,738 county match retroactive from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

On September 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6H1 the Agency's request to accept a FY22 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$254,953; \$63,738 county match retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

On June 22, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #15, the Agency's request to accept a FY21 PL116 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$658,600 (no county match) retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022.

On September 8, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8, the Agency's request to accept the FY21 Chafee Program sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$236,810 (\$59,203 county match) retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Human Services Agency has been responsible for child welfare in Washoe County for over 35 years. Children's Services currently provides the full continuum of care to victims of child abuse including child protective services, foster care and adoption, licensing, congregate care, Independent Living and clinical case management. Washoe County has received funds from the Chafee Program since 2003 to support activities for youth aging out of the foster program. For FY25, funds from this grant award will be used to support case management for youth aging out of the foster care system, activities that promote normalcy in the lives of these youth and offer youth voice opportunities.

The Agency received the Notice of Subaward for this subgrant on November 30, 2024 with an effective date of July 1, 2024; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** FY25 Chafee Program

**Scope of the Project:** To assist youth transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency and greater independence.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The Chafee program provides support services to youth in the foster care system during their transition to adulthood and living independently.

**On-Going Program Support:** The Agency has received funding to operate the Independent Living program from the Chafee program since 2003.

**Award Amount:** \$252,756.00 (**\$238,776.00 direct/\$13,980.00 indirect**)

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

**Funding Source:** Department of Health and Human Service  
Administration for Children & Families

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

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** 93.674

**Grant ID Number:** 93674-24-003

**Match Amount and Type:** \$63,189.00 (Division of Child and Family Services Fund to Assist Former Foster Youth grant is used as match)

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The Agency will follow the County and federal grant procurement guidelines for any subawards and contracts.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This award was anticipated and \$189,673.01 was included in the FY25 Child Protective Services Fund (228) adopted budget in IO 12258. Should the Board accept this grant award, the FY25 adopted budget will be increased by \$49,102.99 in both revenue and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	Amount of Increase/(Decrease)
IO 12473	- 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 49,102.99
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 49,102.99</b>
IO 12473	- 701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 22,810.00
	- 705360	Benefits Adjustment	\$ 11,404.99
	- 710734	Residence Assistance	\$ 7,888.00
	- 710872	Food Purchases	\$ 1,500.00
	- 710312	Special Dept Expense	\$ 5,500.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 49,102.99</b>

Indirect costs in the amount of \$13,980.00 are included in the grant award. This award requires a cash match of \$63,189.00, the expenditures to meet the match requirement will be posted to IO 12447 as FAFFY expenditures are allowable match and there is sufficient budget authority.

As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to accept a FY25 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$252,756.00; \$63,189.00 county match], retroactive from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award and related documents; and direct the Finance 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 FY25 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$252,756.00; \$63,189.00 county match], retroactive from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults and related documents; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award; and direct the Finance office to make the necessary budget amendments."*