



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020

DATE: October 16, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a FY21 Title XX subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of [\$663,807; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to promote reunification and permanency, health and safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care; to provide shelter services to prevent the removal of children from their families; and to provide professional development/training to Washoe County social work staff and to foster parents; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Human Services Agency is requesting the Board accept a Title XX subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of [\$663,807; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to promote reunification and permanency, health and safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care; to provide shelter services to prevent the removal of children from their families; and to provide professional development/training to Washoe County social work staff and to foster parents.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 10, 2019, the Board approved item #13, the Department's request to accept a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Title XX subgrant in the

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amount of \$663,807 with no county match retroactive from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

On August 28, 2018, the Board approved item #14, the Agency's request to accept a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Title XX subgrant in the amount of \$663,807 with no county match retroactive from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

On February 27, 2018 in item 9J2, the Board accepted the Social Services Block Grant Title XX Supplemental Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of \$10,000 to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On September 12, 2017 in item 17, the Board accepted the Social Services Block Grant: Title XX subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of \$655,775 to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

BACKGROUND

Title XX of the Social Security Act provides for funding to states to provide locally relevant social services through the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). States are allocated funding through a formula-based entitlement and have substantial discretion in the use of SSBG funds. Each State determines what services are provided, who is eligible to receive them, and how funds are used. The State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services allocates these funds to state and non-state programs providing social services in urban and rural communities statewide. Through the SSBG States provide essential social services that help achieve a myriad of goals to reduce dependency and promote self-sufficiency; prevent and protect children and adults from neglect, abuse and exploitation; and help individuals who are unable to take care of themselves to stay in their homes or to find the best institutional arrangements.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this grant on October 8, 2020 with an effective date of July 1, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Social Services Block Grant: Title XX

Scope of the Project: To promote reunification and permanency, health and safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care; to provide shelter services to prevent the removal of children from their families; and to provide professional development/training to Washoe County social work staff and to foster parents;

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: To promote reunification and permanency, health and safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care.

On-Going Program Support: Social Services Block Grant Title XX funds were included as a part of the funding for the Block Grant awarded to agencies which provide child welfare services in the 2011 Legislative session, as outlined in NRS 432B.2185.

Award Amount: \$ 663,807 (**\$663,807 Direct/ \$0 Indirect**)

Grant Period: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
Title XX

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services

CFDA Number: 93.667

Grant ID Number: 1129

Match Amount and Type: No county match required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Core Dynamics was selected through a competitive bid process in accordance with County and federal grant procurement guidelines for contracts to provide emergency shelter costs and foster care maintenance. The Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE) was selected using a competitive bid process in accordance with County and federal grant procurement guidelines for contracts to provide staff for the OUR Place Family Shelter.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY21 Human Services Agency's adopted budget for Children's Services Fund 228 will be increased by \$663,807 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	Amount of Increase/(Decrease)
IO 11769 -431100	Federal Grants	\$ 663,807.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 663,807.00
IO 11769 -710100	Professional Services	\$ 37,500.00
-710509	Seminars and Meetings	\$ 8,800.00
-710701	Emergency Shelter	\$ 617,507.00
	Total Expenditure	\$ 663,807.00

This grant does not require a match. 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 the FY21 Title XX subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of [\$663,807; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to promote reunification and permanency, health and safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care; to provide shelter services to prevent the removal of children from their families; and to provide professional development/training to Washoe County social work staff and to foster parents; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant award; 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 the FY21 Title XX subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of [\$663,807; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to promote reunification and permanency, health and safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care; to provide shelter services to prevent the removal of children from their families; and to provide professional development/training to Washoe County social work staff and to foster parents; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments."