



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *June 16, 2026*

**DATE:** Monday, May 4, 2026

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Ryan Gustafson, Assistant County Manager, Office of the County Manager  
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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept the 2026-2027 Fund for Resilient Nevada LifeSet award from the State of Nevada Department of Human Services Director's Office in the amount of [\$1,062,680], including the possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives, retroactive from February 19, 2026 through June 30, 2027; funding will be used to invest in the staffing associated with the LifeSet program for young adults aged 18-21 who have chosen to remain in foster care; authorize the Division Director of Finance & Administration of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute agreement documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)  
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

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The LifeSet program is an evidence-based program associated with the extended foster care program. Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) partners with Youth Villages to execute the program to support these young adults as they transition from foster care to self-sufficiency. These State funds support three Human Service Case Workers and one Human Services Supervisor and contractual obligations to Youth Villages for the use of the LifeSet model.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

No previous action on LifeSet State funding.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

## **BACKGROUND**

LifeSet was a joint Youth Villages and County program and with this award, the State is now a partner in the LifeSet program. LifeSet is an evidence and outcome driven program created and licensed by Youth Villages for young adults aged 18-21 that are exiting foster care and striving for self-sufficiency.

LifeSet program participants benefit from case management, regular meetings with HSA staff and guidance from age 18-21.

Retroactive approval is requested as the Human Services Agency received the grant award from Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) on March 27, 2026.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** LifeSet State Funding

**Scope of the Project:** Fund support to young adults aged 18-21 exiting foster care.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Provides support for young adults exiting foster care from Washoe County HSA.

**On-Going Program Support:** Funds existing position and existing costs related to the LifeSet program.

**Award Amount:** \$1,062,680 in State funds.

**Grant Period:** February 19, 2026 – June 30, 2027

**Funding Source:** State of Nevada Department of Human Services  
Director's Office

**Pass Through Entity:** None

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** None

**Grant ID Number:** DO 1715

**Match Amount and Type:** None

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** Youth Villages is a subrecipient that licenses the use of the LifeSet program.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award, the FY26 Human Services Agency, the child welfare services fund (F228) adopted budget will be increased by \$1,062,680 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IO-12674	432100-State Grants	\$1,012,077
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,012,077</b>
IO-12674	701412-Salary Adjustment	\$580,819
IO-12674	705360-Benefit Adjustment	\$305,258
IO-12674	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$126,000
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,012,077</b>

This grant does include indirect in the amount of \$50,603 as personnel costs are included in this award. This award does not require match.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**POSSIBLE MOTION**

*Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to accept the 2026-2027 Fund for Resilient Nevada LifeSet award from the State of Nevada Department of Human Services Director’s Office in the amount of [\$1,062,680], including the possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives, retroactive from February 19, 2026 through June 30, 2027; funding will be used to invest in the staffing associated with the LifeSet program for young adults aged 18-21 who have chosen to remain in foster care; authorize the Division Director of Finance & Administration of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute agreement documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”*