



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020

DATE: October 16, 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 FY21 Federal Title IV-B1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004; \$20,668 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide child welfare services with a focus on keeping families together; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Title IV-B funding primarily supports formula grants to state, tribal, and territorial child welfare agencies for provision of services to children and their families. Additional funds are provided to courts to improve handling of child abuse and neglect proceedings. Finally, some Title IV-B dollars are provided on a competitive basis to various public or private entities for support of research, evaluation, training, or other grants intended to improve or expand provision of child welfare-related services.

The Agency would like to recommend the acceptance of a FY21 Federal Title IV-B1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004; \$20,668 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide child welfare services with a focus on keeping families together; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 13, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.F.2, the Department's request to accept \$62,500 in Title IV-B funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

On August 31, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.G.5, the Department's request to accept \$82,028 in Title IV-B1 funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

On September 24, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7.J.2, the Department's request to accept \$62,004 in Title IV-B funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND

Title IV-B Subpart 1 of the Social Security Act, also called the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program, primarily supports formula grants to state, tribal, and territorial child welfare agencies for provision of services to children and their families. Additional funds are provided to courts to improve handling of child abuse and neglect proceedings. Finally, some Title IV-B dollars are provided on a competitive basis to various public or private entities for support of research, evaluation, training, or other grants intended to improve or expand provision of child welfare-related services. This Title IV-B1 funding has been awarded to supplement the annual federal Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this sub-grant on October 9, 2020 with an effective date of July 1, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Child Welfare

Scope of the Project: To provide child welfare services with a focus on keeping families together.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Funds will be used to support costs associated with children in the Washoe County child welfare system.

On-Going Program Support: WCHSA will seek ongoing support through Federal Title IV-B funding programs.

Award Amount: \$62,004 (\$62,004 direct/\$0 indirect)

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

Funding Source: Title IV-B, Subpart 1 of the Social Security Act

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

CFDA Number: 93.645

Grant ID Number: 93645-20-006

Match Amount and Type: \$20,668 (cash match)

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

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 \$62,004 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11768	- 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 62,004.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 62,004.00
IO 11768	- 710712	Family Preservation	\$ 62,004.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 62,004.00

The grant award requires a cash match of \$20,668. The expenditures to meet the match requirement will be posted to IO 60679 and will be intake personnel expenses.

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 a FY21 Federal Title IV-B1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004; \$20,668 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide child welfare services with a focus on keeping families together; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to accept a FY21 Federal Title IV-B1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004; \$20,668 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020

to June 30, 2021 to provide child welfare services with a focus on keeping families together; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.”