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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 19, 2024

DATE: Thursday, November 14, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a FY25 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program Subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,587,817.00; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the subgrant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. Funds will be utilized to implement Emergency Assistance Program services through investigation activities for children and families in crisis. This includes responding to incoming calls, completing investigation reports, providing crisis intervention and making referrals for supportive programs and services. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

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Funds will be utilized to implement Emergency Assistance Program services through investigation activities for children and families in crisis. This includes responding to incoming calls, completing investigation reports, providing crisis intervention and making referrals for supportive programs and services

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 15, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #9, the Department's request to approve a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program Subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,587,817.00; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

On August 23, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #19, the Department's request to approve a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program Subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,587,817.00; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

On April 13, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #14, the Department's request to approve a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program Subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,587,817.00; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

On May 21, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #12, the Department's request to approve a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program Subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,400,000.87; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020.

BACKGROUND

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a Federal Block Grant that replaced the Title IV-A Emergency Assistance Program. From 1994 through 2003, Washoe County received approximately \$1,800,000 in grant funds per year of TANF funding from the State Welfare Division of the Children's Division. These funds were paid to support services provided to children who were at risk of child abuse and neglect.

At the conclusion of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 the State elected to retain TANF funding at the State level rather than pass the funds down to the Counties and allowed the Intrastate Interlocal Agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and Washoe County to expire. The loss of TANF funding required Washoe County to use Child Welfare non-federal funds to continue services allowable and previously funded under the TANF sub-award.

In fiscal year 18/19 the State began conversations with the counties to re-instate TANF funds that were previously withdrawn. As a result of those conversations, the funds were re-instated that year, providing TANF funding for allowable Emergency Assistance services such as Child Welfare intake staff and emergency shelter assistance to TANF

eligible families. The subaward before the Board for consideration is the fifth award provided to Washoe County since funding was reinstated.

The Agency received the Notice of Subaward (NOSA) for this grant on May 21, 2024; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Scope of the Project: Community partnership for the implementation of the TANF Emergency Assistance Program in Washoe County

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Funds will be utilized to implement Emergency Assistance Program services through investigation activities for children and families in crisis. This includes responding to incoming calls, completing investigation reports, providing crisis intervention and making referrals for supportive programs and services.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$1,587,817.00 (\$1,459,075.00 Direct/\$128,742.00 indirect)

Grant Period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Funding Source: Administration for Children & Families
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 93.558

Grant ID Number: TANF2502

Match Amount and Type: Match not required.

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY25 Child Protective Services Fund 228 will be increased by \$1,459,075.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12446	-431100 Federal Grants	\$ 1,459,075.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 1,459,075.00

IO 12446	-701412	Salary Adjustment	\$	962,989.50
	-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$	496,085.50
		Total Expenditures	\$	1,459,075.00

This award does not require matching funds. Indirect costs in the amount of \$128,742.00 are included in the award and will be recovered using salaries and wages as the basis. No amendment is necessary for the indirect revenue.

These funds will support existing positions funded by other non-federal sources, and per TANF regulations, this is not considered supplanting for this award.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept a FY25 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program Subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,587,817.00; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the subgrant award documents; and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the necessary budget amendments. Funds will be utilized to implement Emergency Assistance Program services through investigation activities for children and families in crisis. This includes responding to incoming calls, completing investigation reports, providing crisis intervention and making referrals for supportive programs and services.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to accept a FY25 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program Subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,587,817.00; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the subgrant award documents; and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the necessary budget amendments. Funds will be utilized to implement Emergency Assistance Program services through investigation activities for children and families in crisis. This includes responding to incoming calls, completing investigation reports, providing crisis intervention and making referrals for supportive programs and services.”*