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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 27, 2018

DATE: October 24, 2018, 2018
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 the FY19 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$918,000; \$229,500 County match] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; authorize the Agency to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept the FY19 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$918,000; \$229,500 County match] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; authorize the Agency to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 27, 2018 the Board approved Item #9, accepting the FY18 Supplemental Victims of Crime Act sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$600,000; \$150,000 County match] retroactive for the period of September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. On September 12, 2018, the Division of Child and Family Services granted a no cost extension extending the term of the grant award through December 31, 2018.

On August 8, 2017 the Board approved item #22, the acceptance of the FY18 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant award in the amount of \$2,087,400 (\$521,850 county match required for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). On May 8, 2018, the Division of Child and Family Services granted a no cost extension extending the term of the grant award through September 30, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The Board has routinely accepted VOCA funds since October 2005.

BACKGROUND

Retroactive approval is requested due to the timing of the Notice of Subgrant Award (NOSA) for the FY19 VOCA grant. The State sent the original NOSA to the Department on September 12, 2018 which required corrections prior to being submitted for BCC approval.

A Federal Child and Family Services Review in 2004 found a lack of understanding of the impact of violence on children and families. In response to this critical area of need, the Department received permission from Finance in 2005 to apply for VOCA grant funds to provide direct services to children, adolescents and their non-offending parents and siblings.

The primary purpose of VOCA is to support the provision of services to victims of crime throughout the nation. According to the VOCA program guidelines, services are defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; (3) help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. For the purpose of the VOCA crime assistance grant program, a crime victim is a person who has suffered physical, sexual, financial or emotional harm as a result of a crime.

In prior years the Department contracted with the Committee to Aid Abused Women (CAAW) to provide a full-time domestic violence advocate to work with the Department in providing services to victims of child abuse and/or domestic violence. Department staff has worked with the domestic violence advocate to develop and implement a joint response service model for child abuse and domestic violence cases to enhance the safety and wellbeing of children and their non-offending parents. Previous grant awards also supported assistance to victims with crisis intervention services, temporary housing, utilities, transportation, childcare and emergency food and personal items.

Due to the increase of funding available the current grant award will provide services and assistance to any type of crime victim and is not limited to those victims of domestic violence as previous awards have been.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program

Scope of the Project: VOCA funding will enhance the Human Services Agency's ability to provide services and assistance to residents including children, adults and seniors who are victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, economic exploitation and underserved populations such as seniors and will provide an array of support including shelter, nutrition, case management, crisis intervention, medical, legal, counseling and other supportive services.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The VOCA funding will be used to serve Washoe County residents across the continuum of care to include children, adults and seniors.

On-Going Program Support: VOCA funds are awarded each year, those funds would be used to support the costs of any ongoing programs

Award Amount: \$918,000

Grant Period: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Funding Source: Department of Justice, Victims of Crime Act

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

CFDA Number: 16.575

Grant ID Number: 16575-17-054

Match Amount and Type: \$229,500 (cash match)

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Department will contract for professional service providers as needed to fulfill the scope of work requirements using the County’s competitive bid process and federal grant procurement guidelines as required under 2 CFR 200.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY19 budget was adopted with \$487,947.03 in expenditures. This award is \$918,000 (\$918,000 direct and \$0 indirect). A budget amendment is necessary to bring the Subgrant Award into alignment with the adopted budget. This amendment takes into account budget authority needed to cover actual expenditures in the amount of \$200,049.20 for the period July – September 2018 (prior award period).

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the Human Services Agency’s FY19 adopted budget will be amended as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO-11511 -431100	Federal Grant Revenue	\$ 630,102.17
	Total Revenue	\$ 630,102.17
 IO-11511 -701412	Salary Adjustment	 \$ 219,496.30
-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 146,330.87
-710100	Professional Services	\$ 95,000.00
-710500	Other Expense	\$ 55,905.00
-710712	Family Preservation	\$ 108,370.00
-711504	Equipment Non-Capital	\$ 5,000.00

