



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *September 10, 2024*

**DATE:** Thursday, September 05, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation, in accordance with NRS 244.1505 and NRS 433.742, to approve allocation of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement, in the total amount of [\$4,009,786], to government entities or nonprofit organizations created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes; approve associated resolutions, and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents, for the following six projects awarded:

- Human Services Agency – CrossRoads Families - WOARF24-00002 in the amount of [\$1,000,000] to provide therapeutic living community to families impacted by Opioid Use (OUD) to engage in recovery together.
- Northern Nevada HOPES – Opioid Treatment Expansion Project - WOARF24-00007 in the amount of [\$984,002] and approve Resolution R24-186. Funding supports establishing a new opioid treatment program at the East 4<sup>th</sup> Street Clinic.
- Ridge House Inc – Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Outpatient Services - WOARF24-00006 in the amount of [\$300,000] and approve Resolution R24-187. Funding supports providing outpatient and aftercare service to uninsured and underinsured Washoe County Residents.
- Northern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliance – Building Communities of Support – WOARF24-00001 in the amount of [\$523,403] and approve Resolution R24-188. Funding supports comprehensive harm reduction strategies, community engagement, and policy advocacy, led by the expertise and leadership of individuals with lived experience.
- Join Together Northern Nevada Inc – Partnerships for Prevention – WOARF24-00004 in the amount of [\$250,000] and approve Resolution R24-189. Funding supports providing support and resources to bridge transportation and resource gaps

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in Washoe County for individuals who are unhoused and at-risk or in current use of Opioids

- Bristlecone Family Resources – Medical Detox Building – WOARF24-00003 in the amount of [\$952,381] and approve Resolution R24-190. Funding supports building a medical detox facility.

And, if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make necessary net zero cross-fund and/or cross-functional budget appropriation transfers and budget amendments. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

The Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) through the One Nevada Agreement, provides grant awards for the purpose of abating and recovering from the opioid epidemic in accordance with the Opioid Litigation Settlement Documents Use of Funds, NRS 433.742, and NRS 244.1505.

The Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund conducted an open and competitive grant solicitation for projects to address one of the five priorities identified in the Washoe County Opioid Use Community Needs Assessment 2023-2025. The application period was from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The applications were reviewed by a panel consisting of Washoe County staff, subject matter experts, and people with lived experience and considered for the proposal's alignment with the Needs Assessment Priority, sustainability, and populations the project seeks to serve. Applications were presented to Washoe County leadership. The recommended set of awards includes 6 projects totaling \$4,009,786 to local nonprofits and government entities.

The Board of County Commissioners should accept these proposed projects, approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Vulnerable Populations, and Innovative Services

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

August 20, 2024 – The Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund has received \$6,933,405.05 in distributions from the Opioid Litigation Settlements in accordance with the One Nevada Agreement since August 23, 2022.

July 16, 2024 – the Board approved the Settlement between Kroger and the State of Nevada in an amount of \$26,718,162 before attorney's fees are deducted and paid over

a 10-year period. Pursuant to the One Nevada Agreement, Washoe County will receive an estimated annual allocation of \$100,043.47 for 10 years.

January 23, 2024, - the Board approved the creation of one new full-time Grants and Community Program Analyst position, pay grade 16 (Office of the County Manager), upon evaluation and approval by the Job Evaluation Committee (JEC); and authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes; 100% funded by Opioid Settlement funds [Estimated annual costs \$125,687; Fiscal Year 2024 impact \$62,844].

November 14, 2023 – the Board approved the Settlement between the State of Nevada and Masters Pharmaceutical, LLC in the amount of \$1,428,552.26 before attorney’s fees. Pursuant to the One Nevada Agreement, Washoe County will receive an estimated total net allocation of \$54,819.67.

For all Board of County Commissioner actions related to the Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund visit the Washoe County [WOARF Website](#).

## **BACKGROUND**

Washoe County collaborated with the State of Nevada and other jurisdictions across the State to litigate against pharmaceutical companies and other distributors of opioids that participated in the opioid epidemic. Through this partnership, under the [One Nevada Agreement](#), Washoe County will receive approximately \$41 million over the next 20 years to address the opioid epidemic through evidence-based, strategic initiatives in alignment with community needs and SB 390. The funds received are to be recognized as funds received from pharmaceutical organizations that have filed bankruptcy and those that have not filed bankruptcy and will be disbursed through the Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recover Fund (WOARF) managed by the Office of the County Manager, Community Reinvestment Division. As of May 15, 2024, when the Notice of Funding Opportunity was announced, Washoe County had received \$4,747,618.72.

In 2022, Washoe County completed a Needs Assessment to provide guidance to the County on the opioid abatement and recovery priorities for 2023-2025. The Needs Assessment identified [five priority goals](#). On May 15, 2024, a Notice of Funding Opportunity was opened to provide competitive grant award for up to 4.5 million dollars from WOARF to implement strategies associated with the Top 5 Priority Areas in the Needs Assessment and in-line with the opioid settlement’s use of funds strategies, which dictate the dollars must be used for OUD and the impacts of opioid misuse.

### **Priority Uses of the Funds:**

- Ensure funding for opioid use disorder treatment services for uninsured and underinsured Washoe county residents.
- Initiating buprenorphine in the emergency department, as well as during inpatient hospital stays, and care navigators to assist with setting up outpatient resources for continued care and management.

- Use a multidisciplinary approach to providing overdose prevention outreach and education, inclusive of under resourced communities, such as Black Indigenous and People of Color communities, in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner (organizations, media, churches).
- Implement child welfare best practices for supporting families impacted by substance use.
- Increase detoxification and short-term rehabilitation program capacity.

### **Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund**

The Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund offers funding to eligible County departments and agencies, nonprofits, and businesses that provide services in Washoe County that are aligned with the County Needs Assessment and in accordance with Opioid Litigation Settlement Documents Use of Funds and NRS 433.742. The County requested proposals for projects or programs to help the community recover from and abate the opioid epidemic, aligned with the priorities of the County Needs Assessment, and further the County's strategic goals.

**Expenditure of public money** - NRS 244.1505 provides that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and that the board may make a grant of money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes, or other governmental entity, to be expended for a selected purpose.

### **WOARF GRANT AWARDS SUMMARY**

<b>Human Services Agency</b>			
<b>Project #</b> <b>WOARF24-</b> <b>00002</b>	CrossRoads Families	\$1,000,000	Approval Recommended
<b>Description:</b>	HSA in partnership with RISE will establish CrossRoads Families. The project includes a facility where parents reside with their children to engage in recovery together. The project addresses the needs of families impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) through a comprehensive, family-centered approach implementing child welfare best practices to support family stability, promoting family reunification, and preventing child removals. CrossRoads Families offers a holistic environment where families can rebuild relationships, receive comprehensive support, and transition to independent living together – thereby reinforcing the family unit and interrupting the cycle of trauma and OUD. Utilizing a Therapeutic Community model that leverages the community as an agent of change and a family-centered approach, recognizing that the recovery of an individual is closely linked to the well-being of their family. Holistic support services will address the physical, psychological, social, and economic needs of both parents and children.		
<b>Subaward:</b>	FY25 Subaward (up to two years of total funding). Upcoming 9/17/2024.	Approval Recommended	

Category:	Priority 4: Implement child welfare best practices for supporting families impacted by substance use.
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Northern Nevada HOPES			
<b>Project #</b> <b>WOARF24-00007</b>	Opioid Treatment Expansion Project	\$984,002	Approval Recommended
Description:	Northern Nevada HOPES (HOPES) will create an opioid treatment program at its new East 4th Street Clinic. The clinic is in a high need and under resourced area, directly adjacent to the homeless shelter. The addition of opioid treatment at this new site will provide at-risk community members with easily accessible and low-barrier treatment options, filling a gap in services in our community. HOPES will utilize health insurance revenue to sustain the program with minimal ongoing funding needs after the grant period.		
Category:	Priority 1: Ensure funding for the array of opioid use disorder treatment services for uninsured and underinsured Washoe county residents.		

Ridge House			
<b>Project #</b> <b>WOARF24-00006</b>	OUD Outpatient Services	\$300,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	Ridge House will provide OUD outpatient services to justice-involved individuals including intensive outpatient programming, group therapy, individual therapy, individual counseling, peer support, case management, family therapy, couples counseling, and aftercare. The OUD Outpatient Services project will provide services to Washoe County residents who are uninsured and underinsured.		
Category:	Priority 1: Ensure funding for the array of opioid use disorder treatment services for uninsured and underinsured Washoe county residents.		

<b>Northern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliance</b>			
<b>Project #</b> <b>WOARF24-</b> <b>00001</b>	Building Communities of Support	\$523,403	Approval Recommended
Description:	The Northern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliances' (NNHRA) Building Communities of Support (BCOS) program will address the needs of people who use drugs (PWUDs) in Washoe County through comprehensive harm reduction strategies, community engagement, and advocacy, led by the expertise and leadership of individuals with lived experience. BCOS will embed Harm Reduction Outreach workers who have lived experience in communities to provide targeted outreach, safer use supplies, and overdose education (including rescue breathing) and naloxone distribution (OEND) to PWUD, develop an advisory council of PWUD to guide program activities, outreach, and education, provide community education on OEND, drug checking supplies, and training on the NNHRA's contaminated drug phone app, and engage families and communities in developing a destigmatizing and supportive environment for PWUD.		
Category:	Priority 3: Overdose prevention education and outreach inclusive of under resourced communities.		

<b>Join Together Northern Nevada</b>			
<b>Project #</b> <b>WOARF24-</b> <b>00004</b>	Partnership for Prevention	\$250,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	Join Together Northern Nevada will provide support and resources to bridge transportation and resource gaps in Washoe County for individuals who are unhoused and at-risk or in current use of Opioids. Outreach will be conducted through a variety of channels and Uber Health will be utilized to bridge the existing transportation gap for those obligated to or seeking treatment and recovery. Additionally, a robust media campaign will be conducted to spread community wide awareness of harm reduction and the Good Samaritan Law to decrease stigma and increase bystander response levels.		
Category:	Priority 3: Overdose prevention education and outreach inclusive of under resourced communities.		

<b>Bristlecone Family Resources</b>			
<b>Project #</b> <b>WOARF24-</b> <b>00003</b>	Medical Detox Facility	\$952,381	Approval Recommended
<b>Description:</b>	Bristlecone Family Resources will establish a 20-bed detox center in Reno, focusing on equitable access to care, improved continuity of care, and the availability of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services. Building the detox center provides essential infrastructure to support individuals needing immediate medical intervention for opioid use disorders, ensuring a safe environment during withdrawal. Equitable access is facilitated by accepting Medicaid, utilizing current funding through grants, and providing comprehensive services to uninsured and low-income populations.		
<b>Category:</b>	Priority 5: Increase detoxification and short-term rehabilitation program capacity.		

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The total fiscal impact of this allocation is \$4,009,786.

Should the board approve the award of WOARF non-bankruptcy funds, an estimated \$4,751,465 is remaining in FY24 WOARF funds to be carried-forward into FY25 via the year-end process (Fund 270, Fund Center 270-9, Cost Center 270910). Once carry-forward is complete, the FY25 budget will be adjusted with the following cross-functional net-zero appropriation transfers:

<b>Fund/Function</b>	<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270910 General Government	485300 – Other Misc Govt Rev	(\$4,009,786)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO20545 HSA CR Fam	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$1,000,000
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Health and Sanitation	IO20544 NNHOPES MAT	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$984,002
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Health and Sanitation	IO20542 RidgeHouseOUD	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$300,000
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Health and Sanitation	IO20547 NNHRA OD	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$523,403

Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Health and Sanitation	IO20546 JTNN OD	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$250,000
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Health and Sanitation	IO20543 BristleconeDetox	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$952,381

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve allocation of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement, in the total amount of \$4,009,786, approve associated resolutions, and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents, for the following six projects awarded to government entities or nonprofit organizations created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes:

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- Bristlecone Family Resources – Medical Detox Building – WOARF24-00003 in the amount of \$952,381 and approve Resolution R24-190. Funding supports building a medical detox facility.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move to in accordance with NRS 244.1505 and NRS 433.742, to approve the allocation of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement, in the total amount of \$4,009,786, approve associated resolutions, and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents, for the following*

*6 projects awarded to government entities or nonprofit organizations created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes:*

- 1. Human Services Agency – CrossRoads Families \$1,000,000*
- 2. Northern Nevada HOPES – Opioid Treatment Expansion Project \$984,002*
- 3. Ridge House – OUD Outpatient Services \$300,000*
- 4. Northern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliance Building Communities of Support \$523,403*
- 5. Join Together Northern Nevada – Partnerships for Prevention \$250,000*
- 6. Bristlecone Family Resources – Medical Detox Building \$952,381*

*And, if approved, direct the Comptroller’s Office to make necessary net zero cross-fund and/or cross-functional budget appropriation transfers and budget amendments.”*