



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 13, 2020

DATE: September 15, 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 an amendment to the subgrant award from the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra's Emergency Food and Shelter Program that increases the award amount by [\$4,620 for a total award of \$23,100; no match requirement]; retroactive from January 27, 2020 through April 30, 2021 for emergency food assistance; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the amendment and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Agency would like to recommend the acceptance of an amendment to the subgrant award from the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra's Emergency Food and Shelter Program that increases the award amount by \$4,620 for a total award of \$23,100; no match requirement. This amendment is retroactive from January 27, 2020 through April 30, 2021 to support the funding of home-delivered meal service and a food

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 21, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #9.E.3 accepting the original subgrant award from the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra's Emergency Food and Shelter Program in the amount of [\$18,480; no match requirement]; retroactive from January 27, 2020 through April 30, 2021 for emergency food assistance.

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic has created financial crises for many in Washoe County. As employers have reduced services or closed altogether, citizens have experienced reduced hours, furloughs and layoffs. For some, this has resulted in difficulty ensuring consistent access to food. Further, for individuals with underlying health conditions, leaving home for a simple trip to the grocery store can create unnecessary risk.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

This grant will provide funding for home-delivered meal service for adults under age 60 who are not otherwise covered under Senior Services nutrition programs. This grant will also establish a short-term food pantry at CrossRoads for program residents and at the CrossRoads Off Campus center for use by the general public.

The Agency received the notice of the amendment for this grant on July 30, 2020 with an effective date of January 27, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this amendment is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: EFSP Emergency Food Grant

Scope of the Project: This short-term program will provide food for those in need as a result of COVID-19, this includes the expansion of HSA's existing home-delivered meal program to incorporate adults under age 60 and the establishment of food pantries at CrossRoads and CrossRoads Off Campus.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program will provide an immediate, short-term solution to those in need of emergency food as a result of COVID-19 impacts. The program will ensure adults under age 60 in high-risk categories can receive home-delivered meals as well as provide food for CrossRoads residents and the general public.

On-Going Program Support: This is a short-term program designed to address needs specific to the current COVID-19 pandemic. There are no plans at this time to continue the program beyond the scope of this grant.

Award Amount:	\$ 18,480	Original Award (\$18,840 Direct / \$0 Indirect)
	<u>\$ 4,620</u>	Amended Increase (\$4,620 Direct / \$0 Indirect)
	\$ 23,100	Revised Award (\$23,100 Direct / \$0 Indirect)

Grant Period:	January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 (Original Award)
	January 27, 2020 through April 30, 2021 (Amendment)

Funding Source:	Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Pass Through Entity:	United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra
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CFDA Number:	97.024
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Grant ID Number:	589600-031
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Match Amount and Type: Matching funds are not required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: None

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant amendment and approve these amendments, the FY21 Indigent Fund (221) adopted budget will be increased by \$4,620 in both revenue and expenditures, in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11724	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 4,620.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 4,620.00
IO 11724	-710592	Nutrition Program	\$ 3,120.00
	-710872	Food Purchases	\$ 1,500.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 4,620.00

The grant has no county match requirement and there are no indirect costs included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve an amendment to the subgrant award from the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra's Emergency Food and Shelter Program that increases the award amount by [\$4,620 for a total award of \$23,100; no match requirement]; retroactive from January 27, 2020 through April 30, 2021 for emergency food assistance; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the amendment and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept an amendment to the subgrant award from the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra's Emergency Food and Shelter Program that increases the award amount by [\$4,620 for a total award of \$23,100; no match requirement]; retroactive from January 27, 2020 through April 30, 2021 for emergency food assistance; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the amendment and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments."