



# WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

[www.washoecounty.gov](http://www.washoecounty.gov)

## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 20, 2026

**DATE:** Dec. 30, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Julia Ratti, Behavioral Health Administrator  
(775) 516-5805, [juratti@washoecounty.gov](mailto:juratti@washoecounty.gov)

**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept two FY26 subgrant awards from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator whose mission is to coordinate regional behavioral health services: (1) in the amount of [\$107,982.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and (2) in the amount of [\$91,924.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; authorize the County Manager to execute the grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

---

### SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept two FY26 subgrant awards from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator whose mission is to coordinate regional behavioral health services: (1) in the amount of [\$107,982.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and (2) in the amount of [\$91,924.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; authorize the County Manager to execute the grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. The position will be eliminated once the funding is exhausted unless alternate funding is secured.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Vulnerable Populations

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 28, 2025, the Board approved item 8B1, recommendation to reclassify a Behavioral Health Program Coordinator located in the Human Services Agency to a Human Services Program Specialist in the Office of the County Manager to serve as the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator as part of the behavioral health team.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

On December 17, 2024, the Board accepted item 7D1, the Agency's request to accept two sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$107,982 and \$87,547 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

On November 28, 2023, the Board accepted item 7D2, The Agency's request to accept two sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$107,930 and \$87,571 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024.

On June 27, 2023, the Board accepted item 6F1, the Agency's request to accept three sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amounts of \$57,808, \$57,725, and \$57,807 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023.

On December 14, 2021, the Board accepted item #23, the Agency's request to accept a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$175,175 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022.

On July 20, 2021 the Board approved item #8.E.4, the Agency's request to accept a FY22 sub-grant award amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$39,995; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator.

On March 9, 2021 the Board approved item #6.E.2, the Agency's request to accept a FY21 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$135,212; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator.

The Board has accepted previous sub-grants from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for the same purpose since FY14 that authorized the creation of 1.0 FTE, fully benefitted, full-time Behavioral Health Program Coordinator.

## **BACKGROUND**

Historically, Nevada's mental health services have not been well coordinated, creating a situation where the largest mental health provider is typically the local jail. The intent of this position is to bring coordination to the local level in partnership with the state, allowing Washoe County to identify key issues and coordinate resources.

Funding for this sub-grant award is through the Community Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) and Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTRS)

Block Grant. The objective of the MHBG is to support grantees in carrying out plans to improve behavioral health in Washoe County. SUPTRS provides funding to prevent and treat substance use.

The staff position supported by this funding collaborates with community partners to implement initiatives identified by the State and County designed to address mental health challenges and substance use disorder. Further responsibilities include providing staff support to the Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board to fulfill the responsibilities of the Board as outlined in NRS 433.429.13.

The Agency received the last of the two Notices of Award in December 2025 with an effective date of Oct. 1, 2025; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #1**

**Project/Program Name:** Community Mental Health Services

**Scope of the Project:** To fund scope of work of selected eligible SAMHSA Mental Health Block Grant activities by Washoe County Behavioral Health Policy Board regional coordinator.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Improved behavioral health outcomes as result of behavioral health related initiatives.

**On-Going Program Support:** Washoe County will seek ongoing support through this funding source. If funding is reduced or eliminated, Washoe County would seek alternate funding sources or reduce or eliminate this program.

**Award Amount:** \$107,982.00 (\$98,165 direct and \$9,817 indirect)

**Grant Period:** October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

**Funding Source:** Block Grant for Community Mental Health Services  
**Pass Through Entity:** Nevada Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Public & Behavioral Health

**Assistance Listing #** **CFDA:** 93.958

**Grant ID Number:** SG-2026-00211

**Match Amount and Type:** N/A

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

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #2**

**Project/Program Name:** Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services

**Scope of the Project:** To provide funding for the Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, who will build community awareness, improve access to treatment, provide linkages to care, and improve access to treatment through outreach, peer collaboration, and education related to substance use and opioid use disorder (SUD/ODU) prevention and mitigation.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Enhanced safety and well-being of Washoe County residents through the development and implementation of initiatives designed to address substance use disorder prevention and mitigation.

**On-Going Program Support:** Washoe County will seek ongoing support through this funding source. If funding is reduced or eliminated, Washoe County would seek alternate funding sources or reduce or eliminate this program.

**Award Amount:** \$91,924 (\$83,566 direct and \$8,358 indirect)

**Grant Period:** October 1, 2025 – September 31, 2026

**Funding Source:** Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant

**Pass Through Entity:** Nevada Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Public & Behavioral Health

**Assistance Listing #** CFDA: 93.959

**Grant ID Number:** SG-2026-00300

**Match Amount and Type:** N/A

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The 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 Manager's Office FY26 adopted budget will be increased by \$181,731 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO12629 - 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 98,165.00
IO 12630 - 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 83,566.00

<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>181,731.00</b>
IO 12629	- 701412	Salary Adjustment	\$	62,853.00
	- 705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$	33,844.00
	- 710300	Operating Supplies	\$	768.00
	- 710509	Seminars and Meetings	\$	700.00
IO12630	- 701412	Salary Adjustment	\$	53,256.00
	- 705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$	28,677.00
	- 710300	Operating Supplies	\$	68.00
	- 711504	Equipment noncapital	\$	1,265.00
	- 710509	Seminars and Meetings	\$	300.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>181,731.00</b>

Indirect costs in the amount of \$9,817 and \$8,358.00 are included in the grant budget for Community Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services respectively. Neither grant has a county match requirement.

The Community Mental Health Services funds will support existing positions funded by other non-federal sources. Manager's Office will ensure this is not considered supplanting for this award.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended to accept two FY26 subgrant awards from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator whose mission is to coordinate regional behavioral health services: (1) in the amount of [\$107,982.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and (2) in the amount of [\$91,924.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; authorize the County Manager to execute the grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to accept two FY26 subgrant awards from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator whose mission is to coordinate regional mental health services for underserved populations: (1) in the amount of [\$107,982.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and (2) in the amount of [\$91,924.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; authorize the County Manager to execute the grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."*