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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *March 10, 2026*

DATE: Friday, March 06, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ryan Gustafson, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the transfer of the existing grants, funds and budget authority of the Support in Treatment, Accountability and Recovery (STAR) Program from the Department of Alternative Sentencing (DAS) to the Human Services Agency (HSA), retroactive to January 1, 2026. This includes all previously accepted grant awards and related contracts, subawards, positions, equipment, property and infrastructure. On August 19, 2025, the Board accepted the Fund for a Resilient Nevada Sub-Award from the Department of Health and Human Services, Director's Office for the amount not to exceed [\$310,536.00; no County match required] retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 to be used to fund treatment and recovery support services for participants of the STAR program, to include transitional and permanent supportive living recovery housing, medical services gaps, and bus passes for participant transportation, approved a Resolution necessary for same. On November 14, 2023, the Board retroactively accepted a direct grant award [\$826,852.00, no County match required] from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2023, Project number 15PBJA-23-GG-02433-SCAX, to DAS to expand treatment and recovery services for the STAR program for the grant period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027. And if approved, authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute award-related documents; authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute and/or amend all relevant contracts and subaward agreements; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

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AGENDA ITEM # _____

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Upon the elimination of Department of Alternative Sentencing by the Board of County Commissioners, staff associated with the STAR program was transferred to HSA as of January 1, 2025. This item will transfer the balance of the STAR program to HSA, including the two grants listed above, the balance of funds from both grants, and all related contracts, subawards, equipment and infrastructure.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 16, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners approved personnel changes (Alternative Sentencing Officer; Alternative Sentencing Sergeant; Chief Alternative Sentencing Officer, DAS Case Manager, DAS Program Manager, Drug Screen Collector, Grants Coordinator, Investigative Assistant, Laboratory Assistant, Lead Drug Screen Collector, Mental Health Counselor II, Supervising DAS Case Manager), including position reassignments, position reclassifications, creation of one new 1.0 FTE Case Manager III (new job classification - J 150), creation of one new 0.40 FTE Case Manager III (J 150), and position abolishments, and equipment services departmental vehicle reassignments, as a result of the Board of County Commissioners' repeal of Chapter 11 of Washoe County Code, elimination of the Department of Alternative Sentencing, and transition of program functions effective January 1, 2026.

On November 18, 2025, the Board held the second reading and adopted an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code by repealing Chapter 11 (Alternative Sentencing) and by retaining, modifying and relocating a provision authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a fee schedule for the cost of supervision of probationers and supervised releasees, and providing for imposition and waiver of those fees; and all matters necessarily connected therewith and properly relating thereto.

On August 19, 2025, the Board accepted the Fund for a Resilient Nevada Sub-Award from the Department of Health and Human Services, Director's Office for the amount not to exceed [\$310,536.00; no County match required] retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 to be used to fund treatment and recovery support services for participants of the Department of Alternative Sentencing Support in Treatment, Accountability and

Recovery (STAR) program, to include transitional and permanent supportive living recovery housing, medical services gaps, and bus passes for participant transportation, approved Resolution necessary for same.

On November 14, 2023, the Board retroactively accepted a direct grant award [\$826,852.00, no County match required] from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2023, Project number 15PBJA-23-GG-02433-SCAX, to the Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing to expand treatment and recovery services for the Support in Treatment, Accountability and Recovery (STAR) program for the grant period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND

On November 18, 2025, the Board approved the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, through the Washoe County Clerk and pursuant to Washoe County Code (WCC) 2.030, to amend the WCC by repealing Chapter 11 in its entirety to dissolve DAS effective January 1, 2026. On December 16, 2025, the Board approved the reassignment and/or reclassification of former DAS personnel into existing County departments with related functions and organizational infrastructure and authorized the necessary budget transfers and fund adjustments to align appropriations with the organizational restructuring.

This included reassigning three positions to the Human Services Agency (HSA): Human Services Case Worker II, Human Services Program Manager, and Mental Health Counselor II. The Program Manager supports the new CrossRoads Support in Treatment, Accountability and Recovery (STAR) program that was previously implemented by DAS.

STAR was first implemented in October 2022 in an effort to provide probationers and pretrial releasees supervised by DAS with the wrap-around support necessary to successfully address foundational causes of opioid use disorder, as well as underlying criminogenic behaviors. With the elimination of DAS, HSA will continue providing services under the STAR program.

The STAR program is primarily funded by two grants:

- On August 19, 2025, the Board accepted a subaward from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, under the Fund for a Resilient Nevada, to fund treatment and recovery support services for STAR participants. The original amount of this subaward was \$310,536. As of January 1, 2026, the remaining balance of the award is \$242,383.04.
- On November 14, 2023, the Board accepted a direct grant award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2023 to DAS to expand treatment and recovery services for the STAR program for the grant period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027. As of January 1, 2026, the remaining balance of the award is \$569,400.64.

Approval of this item will transfer the grants, funds and budget authority related to these two awards along with all related contracts, subawards, equipment, property and infrastructure. HSA has obtained approval from both funding sources to make this transition, and documents are included with this staff report.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY – FUND FOR A RESILIENT NEVADA AWARD

Project/Program Name: FRN STAR Program Expansion FY26 & FY27

Scope of the Project: Treatment and recovery support services for STAR participants who struggle with opioid use disorder and criminogenic behaviors.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The STAR program continues to take an active role in addressing root-causes related to opioid use disorder and underlying criminal behaviors as they relate to individuals residing in Washoe County. The implementation of the STAR program has become a significant component in mending the damage done by the opioid epidemic as it relates to the residents of Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: 2 year grant period. We will continue to apply for funding and donations, as available, to continue these expansion services for STAR participants.

Original Award Amount: \$310,536.00
DAS Expenditures to 12/31/2026: \$ 68,152.96
Remaining Award Balance to Transfer to HSA: \$242,383.04

Grant Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027

Funding Source: Fund for a Resilient Nevada

Pass through From: Department of Health and Human Services, Director’s Office

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: DO 1577

Match Amount and Type: None

Sub-Awards and Contracts: All contracts and subawards established in support of this program will follow all applicable requirements, including but not limited to the County’s competitive bid process and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200—Uniform Guidance.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY – BJA AWARD

Project/Program Name: STAR Expansion

Scope of the Project: Wrap-around programming and treatment services for opioid use disorder and criminogenic behaviors within the population served by DAS.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Takes an active role in addressing root-causes related to opioid use disorder and underlying criminal behaviors as they relate to individuals residing in Washoe County. The STAR program not only addresses recidivism in a meaningful way but becomes a significant component in mending the damage done by the opioid epidemic as it relates to the residents of Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: 4-year grant period

Original Award Amount: \$826,852.00
DAS Expenditures to 12/31/2026: \$257,451.36
Remaining Award Balance to Transfer to HSA: \$569,400.64

Grant Period: October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2027

Funding Source: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: 16.812

Grant ID Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-02433-SCAX

Match Amount and Type: No Match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: All contracts and subawards established in support of this program will follow all applicable requirements, including but not limited to the County’s competitive bid process and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200—Uniform Guidance.

FISCAL IMPACT – FUND FOR A RESILIENT NEVADA AWARD

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Human Services Agency, FY26/FY27 DHHS STAR Subaward DO1577 (F223) adopted budget will be increased by \$242,383.04 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| IO 12642 - 432100 | State Grants Revenue | \$ 242,383.04 |
| | Total Revenue | \$ 242,383.04 |
| IO 12642 - 710100 | Professional Services | \$ 238,433.44 |
| - 710300 | Operating Supplies | \$ 2,293.60 |
| - 710312 | Special Dept Expense | \$ 1,656.00 |
| | Total Expenditures | \$ 242,383.04 |

FISCAL IMPACT – BJA AWARD

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| IO 12643 - 431100 | Federal Grants Revenue | \$ 569,400.64 |
| | Total Revenue | \$ 569,400.64 |
| IO 12643 - 701412 | Salary Adjustment | \$ 17,544.78 |
| - 705360 | Benefit Adjustment | \$ 11,636.55 |
| - 710100 | Professional Services | \$ 263,409.59 |
| - 710300 | Subrecipient Payments | \$ 180,370.11 |
| - 710300 | Operating Supplies | \$ 82,795.13 |
| - 711210 | Travel | \$ 13,644.48 |
| | Total Expenditures | \$ 569,400.64 |

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

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