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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *June 24, 2025*

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to retroactively accept a private grant from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, in the amount of [\$1,800; no County match] effective from August 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 to support the continued use of the Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) evidence-based program for Seniors. Authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

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Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

No Prior Action.

BACKGROUND

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (LCGS) Endowment Fund was established in 1991. Grants from the LCGS Endowment Fund support local and community organizations in developing and implementing services in the community with the objective of improving education, health, and social needs.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) is an evidence-based program that supports older adults with depression through skill development. The program teaches self-sufficiency with a focus on problem-solving that helps participants live happier lives while maintaining health and independence. PEARLS is an inclusive program that is client-driven and empowers older adults to take action and make the necessary changes so that they can attain active and rewarding lives. Participants achieve an improved quality of life and a reduction in symptoms of depression.

The Agency received notice of this award on May 21, 2025. Retroactive acceptance is requested as the grantor, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (LCGS) Endowment Fund, had scheduled a “Joy in Giving celebration” for June 22, 2025 where the check for this grant was awarded to WCHSA.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: LCGS Endowment - PEARLS

Scope of the Project: Funding will be used to support the delivery of the PEARLS evidence-based program to Washoe County Seniors.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) is an evidence-based intervention aimed at reducing depression and social isolation among older adults. As the senior population continues to grow rapidly, our community faces an increasing need to address mental health challenges, particularly among low-income and at-risk older adults who are also experiencing homelessness, loneliness, or chronic health conditions.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$1,800.00 (\$1,800.00 direct/\$0 indirect)

Grant Period: August 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

Funding Source: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund

Pass Through Entity: N/A

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Agency follows County and federal grant procurement guidelines for subawards and contracts.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Senior Services Fund 225, adopted budget will be increased by \$1,800.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 29075	- 484195	Non-Governmental Grants	\$ 1,800.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 1,800.00
IO 29075	- 710509	Seminars and Meetings	\$ 1,000.00
	- 710312	Special Dept Expense	\$ 300.00
	- 710714	Referral Services	\$ 200.00
	- 710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 300.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 1,800.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively accept a private grant from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, in the amount of [\$1,800; no County match] effective from August 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 to support the continued use of the Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) evidence-based program for Seniors. Authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to retroactively accept a private grant from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, in the amount of [\$1,800; no County match] effective from August 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 to support the continued use of the Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) evidence-based program for Seniors. Authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments."*