



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** *November 28, 2023*

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept two FY24 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 [\$107,930.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; and (2) in the amount of [\$87,571.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024; authorize the Interim Director of Human Services to retroactively execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept two FY24 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 [\$107,930.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; and (2) in the amount of [\$87,571.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024; authorize the Interim Director of Human Services to retroactively execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 27, 2023 the Board accepted item 6F1, the Agency's request to accept three subgrant 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

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

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, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, and State Opioid Response Grant. The objective of the Community Mental Health Block Grant is to support grantees in carrying out plans for providing comprehensive community mental health services. The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant provides funding to prevent and treat substance use. Finally, the goal of the State Opioid Response Grant is to expand access to overdose prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

The staff position supported by this funding assists with carrying out the state's plan for providing comprehensive community health services to adults with a serious mental health illness and to children with serious emotional disturbance. Further responsibilities include monitoring the progress of implementing a comprehensive community-based mental health system, providing, and assisting the State in planning and implementing a comprehensive community-based mental health system.

Additional activities include the coordination of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs in Washoe County with state, county, and community organizations,

planning and evaluation of community behavioral health programs, and providing leadership on mental health issues.

The Agency received the last of the two Notices of Award for this position on October 25, 2023 with an effective date of October 1, 2023; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment Coordinator – MHBG

**Scope of the Project:** To support a Behavioral Health Program Coordinator who will direct, coordinate and maximize the integration and cooperation of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs with state, county and local community organizations within Washoe County.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Enhanced safety and well-being of Washoe County residents through the development and implementation of long-range plans pertaining to the expansion of funding and more effective provision of behavioral health services.

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

**Award Amount:** \$107,930.00 (\$98,118 direct and \$9,812 indirect)

**Grant Period:** October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

**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:** SG26402

**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 FY24 Human Services Agency, Indigent Fund 221 adopted budget will be increased by \$98,118.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12297	- 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 98,118.00
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 98,118.00</b>
IO 12297	- 701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 66,852.00
	- 705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 28,182.00
	- 711210	Travel	\$ 2,684.00
	- 710509	Seminars and Meetings	\$ 400.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 98,118.00</b>

Indirect costs in the amount of \$9,812.00 are included in the grant budget. No amendment is necessary for the indirect revenue. The grant has no county match requirement.

These funds will support existing positions funded by other non-federal sources. Human Services Agency will ensure this is not considered supplanting for this award.

#### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment Coordinator – CDC OD2A

**Scope of the Project:** To support a Behavioral Health Program Coordinator who will direct, coordinate and maximize the integration and cooperation of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs with state, county and local community organizations within Washoe County.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Enhanced safety and well-being of Washoe County residents through the development and implementation of long-range plans pertaining to the expansion of funding and more effective provision of behavioral health services.

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

**Award Amount:** \$87,571.00 (79,610 direct and 7,961 indirect)

**Grant Period:** October 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

**Funding Source:** CDC – Overdose Data to Action

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

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** 93.136

**Grant ID Number:** SG26855

**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 FY24 Human Services Agency, Indigent Fund 221 adopted budget will be increased by \$79,610.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12298	- 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 79,610.00
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 79,610.00</b>
IO 12298	- 701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 55,710.00
	- 705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 23,485.00
	- 711210	Travel	\$ 415.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 79,610.00</b>

Indirect costs in the amount of \$7,961.00 are included in the grant budget. The grant has no county match requirement.

These funds will support existing positions funded by other non-federal sources. Human Services Agency will ensure this is not considered supplanting for this award.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to accept two FY24 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 [\$107,930.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; and (2) in the amount of [\$87,571.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024; authorize the Interim Director of Human Services to retroactively execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office 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 FY24 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*

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