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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 approve the FY21 Community Case Managers grant from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing in the amount of [$240,300; no county match] retroactively from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Agency is requesting the Board accept the FY21 Community Case Managers grant from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing in the amount of [$240,300; no county match] retroactively from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; authorize the Director of Human Services to 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: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 28 2020, the Board approved item # 9 the Department's request to accept $240,000 in federal funds, through DPBH to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing.

On February 26, 2019, item #14, the Board authorized acceptance of the $240,000 in federal funds, through the DPBH to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On November 14, 2017, the Board approved item #9 the Department's request to accept $240,000 in federal funds from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, to assist clients moving from homelessness into transitional or more permanent housing.

BACKGROUND

The Agency is requesting retroactive approval as the Notice of Subaward was not received from DPBH until September 4, 2020.

Washoe County accepted a Federal CABHI grant (Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals-SAMHSA), in May, 2016, with the goal of ensuring that the most vulnerable people experiencing chronic homelessness receive access to housing, treatment, and recovery support services. Community Case Managers provide linkages to treatment and recovery services, specifically targeted to the complex needs of the chronically homeless population.

The Community Case Managers carry a low caseload, 1 to 10, to allow them the time needed to conduct outreach activities along the river, hospital emergency rooms, parks, the downtown library and other places frequented by chronically homeless people. While there were no dedicated housing resources associated with the CABHI grant, the Case Managers utilize public and private community resources to assist clients moving from homelessness to transitional housing and more permanent housing.

The Community Case Managers focus on rapid re-housing of individuals and families whose incomes is at or below 50% of area median income and who meet one of the following criteria:

- Sleeping in an emergency shelter;
- Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, abandoned buildings, streets/sidewalks, the banks of the Truckee River etc.;
- Staying in a hospital or other institution for up to 180 days but homeless immediately prior to entry into the hospital or institution;
- Graduating from or timing out of, a transitional housing program;
- Escaping domestic violence.

Through an RFP (#3093-19) process, three community-based agencies were chosen to house a Community Case Manager to conduct outreach activities throughout the community and connect chronically homeless people to housing and other needed services. These agencies are Northern NV HOPES, Community Health Alliance, and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada.

The transition in funding from the federal CABHI grant to the State Mental Health Block Grant provides a more stable funding source for the program..

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: FY21 Community Case Managers

Scope of the Project: Individuals with serious mental health illness in Washoe County who are at risk of or are chronically homeless, will be offered outreach and engagement services, intensive case management services, and assisted with access to bridge housing and permanent supportive housing.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Funding will expand services to chronically homeless individuals, assisting them with access to housing, substance abuse and mental health treatment, primary care and other needed services.

On-Going Program Support: Additional funding is being requested for future years to enable services to continue.

Award Amount: $240,300

Grant Period: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Funding Source: State of Nevada FY2021 Liquor Tax

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

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: HD#17844

Match Amount and Type: No required match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Case Management Services for this grant award were procured in a competitive bid process through RFP-3093-19 and the following contracts were awarded:

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada $80,000
Community Health Alliance $80,000
Northern Nevada HOPES $80,000

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the Indigent Fund (221) FY21 adopted budget will be increased by $240,300 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Account Number	**Description**	**Amount of Increase/(Decrease)**
IO 11757 - 432100	State Grant Revenue	$240,300.00
	Total Revenue	**$240,300.00**
IO 11757 – 710100	Professional Services	$240,000.00
710509	Seminars and Meetings	300.00
	Total Expenses	**$240,300.00**

No county match is required and indirect costs have not been included in grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the FY21 Community Case Managers grant from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing in the amount of [$240,300; no county match] retroactively from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; authorize the Director of Human Services to 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 approve the FY21 Community Case Managers grant from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to assist clients with a serious mental illness moving from chronic homelessness into transitional and permanent housing in the amount of [$240,300; no county match] retroactively from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."