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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 28, 2023

DATE: November 21, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept three grant awards from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the Continuum of Care initiative with planning, coordinated entry matchmaker activities and implementation of specific policies and procedures to address domestic violence survivors' needs in accessing services; (1) in the amount of [\$72,185.00, \$20,948.20 county match] retroactive for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; (2) in the amount of [\$30,000.00, \$10,789.00 county match] retroactive for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024; and (3) in the amount of [\$30,000.00, \$10,788.96 county match] for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; authorize the Interim Agency Director to sign award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

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Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 25, 2022, the Board approved a 2021 Continuum of Care Planning Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$68,176.00; \$17,044.00 county match, retroactive from of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

On August 30, 2021, in a joint concurrent meeting between the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and Washoe County, the Board of County Commissioners approved Amendment No. 2 as an extension of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Shelter Operation and other Homeless Services among the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County; this amendment transferred the administrative and financial responsibility for the operation of the homeless shelters in Washoe County, Nevada to Washoe County.

On January 13, 2021, direction was provided by the BCC to include pursuing an expanded role in addressing the regional issue of homelessness in the Strategic Plan.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County serves in the lead entity role for the region's Continuum of Care, a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development program designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. Grant funds provide for periodic planning activities needed in the renewal and ongoing operations of the Continuum of Care Program, the expansion and specialization of the Coordinated Entry system to increase efficiency and to ensure that domestic violence survivors' needs in accessing services are addressed. This funding will support Washoe County in its effort to provide leadership, grant monitoring and policy responsibilities for the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care.

Retroactive approval is requested as administrative delays on the part of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, resulted in Washoe County receiving the grant agreement on September 14, 2023 with a period of performance beginning on May 1, 2023 and July 1, 2023.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Continuum of Care Planning Project

Scope of the Project: funding to assist with monitoring, the annual CoC application process and development of a CoC system.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This project provides funding to enhance planning, monitoring and implementation capabilities to ensure program integrity and increased program efficiency.

On-Going Program Support: No

Award Amount: \$72,185.00

Grant Period: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Pass Through Entity: None

Assistance Listing Number: 14.267

Grant ID Number: NV0173L9T012200

Match Amount and Type: \$20,948.00, In-kind Program Supervision

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Pending acceptance of these funds, Washoe County intends to contract with one or more contractors for professional services related to the planning activities of the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award, the Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund (F223) FY24 adopted budget will be increased by \$72,185.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following account:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12299 -431100	Federal Grants	\$ 72,185.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 72,185.00
IO 12299 -710734	Residential Assistance	\$ 72,185.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 72,185.00

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: FY22 Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry

Scope of the Project: This funding realizes the matchmaking process of the Coordinated Entry system which ensures timely and efficient administration of referrals to permanent housing.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Timely and efficient administration benefits the Washoe County residents in need of permanent housing referrals.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Grant Period: 5/1/2023 – 4/30/2024

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Pass Through Entity: None

Assistance Listing Number: 14.267

Grant ID Number: NV0121L9T012205

Match Amount and Type: \$10,789.00 In-Kind program supervision

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award, the Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund (F223) FY24 adopted budget will be increased by \$30,000 in both revenues and expenditures in the following account:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12300 -431100	Federal Grants	\$ 30,000.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 30,000.00
IO 12300 -710734	Residential Assistance	\$ 30,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 30,000.00

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: FY22 Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry Domestic Violence Expansion

Scope of the Project: funding to provide dedicated staff time to improve the Coordinated Entry system to meet the needs of Domestic Violence survivors.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: this funding addresses the specific and unique needs in accessing services for some of Washoe County's most vulnerable populations.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Grant Period: 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Pass Through Entity: None

Assistance Listing Number: 14.267

Grant ID Number: NV0121L9T012203

Match Amount and Type: \$10,789.00 In-Kind program supervision

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant, the Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund (F223) FY24 adopted budget will be increased by \$30,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following account:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12301 -431100	Federal Grants	\$ 30,000.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 30,000.00
IO 12301 -710734	Residential Assistance	\$ 30,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 30,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to accept three grant awards from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the Continuum of Care initiative with planning, coordinated entry matchmaker activities and implementation of specific policies and procedures to address domestic violence survivors' needs in accessing services; (1) in the amount of [\$72,185.00, \$20,948.20 county match] retroactive for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; (2) in the amount of [\$30,000.00, \$10,789.00 county match] retroactive for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024; and (3) in the amount of [\$30,000.00, \$10,788.96 county match] for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; authorize the Interim Agency Director to sign award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.*