



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 24, 2018

DATE: Friday, June 29, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's Office,
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THROUGH: Christopher J. Hicks, District Attorney

SUBJECT: Approve to accept a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$70,000 (\$23,333.33 required match), from the Nevada Office of Attorney General (AG) to provide counseling services at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center (WCCAC) and supplies related to the program; retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. (All commission districts)

SUMMARY

The District Attorney's Office applied for a grant through the State of Nevada – Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This grant is called “Violence Against Women Act Sub Grant” and will provide \$70,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019. This is the 4th year we have received VAWA funding for counseling services at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center (WCCAC) and related supplies.

This grant is retroactive as this meeting date was the first available upon receiving the award documents.

County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 26, 2017 the commission accepted a VAWA grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$35,000 to provide counselling services at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center.

On August 23, 2016 the commission accepted a VAWA grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$30,000 to provide counselling services at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center.

On October 27, 2015 the commission accepted a VAWA grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$67,600 to provide counselling services at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The WCCAC opened its doors in June of 2014. The mission of the center is to ensure the health and safety of the child through a neutral, child-centered environment designed to minimize trauma to the child, provide advocacy for the child and non-offending caregivers and support effective investigations. Within the center is housed the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and the Child Abuse Response and Evaluations (CARES) programs. Begun in October, 1999, these programs offer forensic examinations to adult and child victims of sexual assault. Alongside prosecutors, victim advocates, and investigators, the doctors and nurses provide specialized victims services. We added grant-funded counseling services in 2015. In fiscal year 2017-2018, the CAC has provided 1,350 on-site counseling sessions to victims and their families.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Child Advocacy Center

Scope of the Project: On-site counseling services to victims of crime

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Enhance victim services in Washoe County with a focus on the child victims of physical and sexual abuse in addition to the adult victims of sexual assault.

On-Going Program Support: Continue to seek General Fund, grants and donations

Award Amount: \$70,000.00

Grant Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Funding Source: US Dept. of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Office of the Attorney General

CFDA Number: 16.588

Grant ID Number: 2017-WF-AX-00326/ 2018-VAWA-36

Match Amount and Type: \$23,333.33 - General Fund (CC 106110)

Sub-Awards and Contracts: No sub-awards
Procurements will be processed in accordance with 2 CFR
Part 200

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY19 budget will be increased by \$70,000 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11282	431100	\$70,000.00
IO 11282	710100	\$70,000.00

The required match of \$23,333.33 will be met through General Fund expenditures in Cost Center 106110, GL Account 710100 and 710108.

Grant funds shall be reported to grantor monthly and drawn as a reimbursement.

Grantor does not allow for indirect cost recovery.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve acceptance of a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$70,000 (\$23,333.33 required match), from the Nevada Office of Attorney General (AG) to provide counseling services at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center (WCCAC) and supplies related to the program; retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move approved acceptance of a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$70,000 (\$23,333.33 required match), from the Nevada Office of Attorney General (AG) to provide counseling services at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center (WCCAC) and supplies related to the program; retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments."