



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 25, 2018

DATE: Wednesday, September 19, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Amber Howell, Director – Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Approve an Agreement in Support of Pro-Bono and Low-Cost Legal Services for Elderly between Washoe County and Washoe Legal Services in the amount of [\$111,181] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, with the option to be extended for one (1) additional year, and approve necessary resolution for same. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

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Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 26, 2017 - Item 5A, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the signing of an agreement with Washoe Legal Services to provide low-cost and pro-bono Ward Representation Services for elderly wards with the possibility of a one year renewal, and approved a resolution for the same.

BACKGROUND

The Agency is requesting retroactive approval of the agreement since funding support is dependent upon Washoe Legal Services receiving a grant award from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for ward representation legal services. Washoe Legal Services notified the Agency of its grant award in late July.

If approved, the agreement will grant applicable filing fees to Washoe Legal Services to continue providing low cost and pro-bono legal services to elderly wards in Washoe County. This agreement also supports additional funding obtained by Washoe Legal Services from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for Ward Representation Legal Services.

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The preceding years of this project have been successful, with Washoe Legal Services meeting or exceeding the goals of the grant. The agreement includes County funding and oversight, to ensure that Washoe Legal Services continues to provide quality legal services to the seniors of Washoe County.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department anticipated this Agreement and included funding in the adopted FY19 budget in cost center 250411 (Legal Local), in general ledger account 710400 (Payments to Other Agencies). As such, there is no fiscal impact to the FY19 adopted budget should the Board approve the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board approve, a possible motion would be: “Move to an Approve an Agreement in Support of Pro-Bono and Low-Cost Legal Services for Elderly between Washoe County and Washoe Legal Services in the amount of [\$111,181] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, with the option to be extended for one (1) additional year, and approve necessary resolution for same.”