



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 13, 2018

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 06, 2018

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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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 approximate annual amount not to exceed [\$65,000] funded by applicable court filing fees, retroactive 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)

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### **SUMMARY**

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On September 26, 2017, 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.

The agenda item, if approved 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

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Services from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for Ward Representation Legal Services.

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 will provide up to an amount not to exceed \$65,000 on annual basis to fund this grant for FY19 from applicable court filing fees, for elderly legal services received by the County pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes. The actual amount of available funds from the Fund 225 - Senior Services will be reviewed annually as part of the budget allocation process, and adjustments in the level of support will be made as appropriate. Revenues and expenditures are accounted for in C250411 Legal Local.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve an Agreement in Support of Pro-Bono and Low-Cost Legal Services for Elderly between Washoe County and Washoe Legal Services in the approximate annual amount not to exceed [\$65,000] funded by applicable court filing fees, retroactive July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, with the option to be extended for one (1) additional year, and approve necessary resolution for same.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board approve, a possible motion would be: “Move to Approve an Agreement in Support of Pro-Bono and Low-Cost Legal Services for Elderly between Washoe County and Washoe Legal Services in the approximate annual amount not to exceed [\$65,000] funded by applicable court filing fees, retroactive July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, with the option to be extended for one (1) additional year, and approve necessary resolution for same.”