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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 27, 2018

DATE: Thursday, November 22, 2018

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 accept the FY 2018 Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of [\$745,564; no county match] for the period retroactive October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021; authorize the Agency to execute the grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Department is recommending that the Board of County Commissioners accept the FY 2018 Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of [\$745,564; no county match] for the period retroactive October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021; authorize the Agency to execute the grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

No Previous Action.

BACKGROUND

Retroactive approval of this award is requested. The Office of Victim Program's (OVP) notified Washoe County of the award on September 28, 2018, award documents were not issued until the award was acknowledged by HSA. Once the Board formally accepts the grant award final fully executed award documents will be issued by the OVP.

In 2009, Washoe County was identified as one of the 28 areas nationwide as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) County. Additionally, in 2016 Nevada ranked

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13th in opioid painkiller prescribing rates at 80.7 per 100 residents, compared to a national average of 66.5. Nationally, opioids were involved in 42,249 deaths and opioid overdose deaths were five times higher than in 1999; in Nevada, opioid overdoses were the leading cause of drug-related deaths in 2015. According to the National Vital Statistics System, 619 Nevadans died of a drug overdose that year and 68% of those deaths were from opioids.

Neonatal exposure to substances has increased each year since 2012 according to the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services. Thirty percent of Nevadans seeking drug treatment were either pregnant or parenting. This number rises to 38% in the rural areas. The average age is 34, falling right in the middle of the child-bearing years.

While Nevada partners with state and federal agencies to work to successfully mitigate and combat this issue, the victims of this crisis who are left as a result of this crisis are struggling with the aftermath. Child welfare agencies are under pressure to help children and parents when drugs are involved. Washoe County Human Services has increasingly been challenged by the influx of referrals involving parental substance abuse.

Washoe County Human Services requested funding to support four identified objectives with associated activities and deliverables to help to mitigate the opioid and substance abuse problem area in Washoe County. The funding will provide clinical staff specially trained to provide enhanced services throughout Washoe County, to children from birth to age 18, who are crime victims as a result of parents/caregivers who have misused legal substances or misused illegal substances. Based on the results of individual assessment, treatment plans will be developed and therapeutic modalities employed, that are age appropriate and selected based on diagnosis. Human Services also recognized that these young victims often need additional, ancillary direct services that assist in the healing and returning the child to a degree of normalcy, safety and well-being and will be providing those services as well.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: FY19-21 Child Victims of the Opioid Crisis.

Scope of the Project: Washoe County Human Services Agency will use the awarded funding to provide mental services to children in an effort mitigate the opioid and substance abuse issues that are affecting children from birth through age 18 in our community.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The Victims of Crime funding will be used to serve the child victims of opioid abuse throughout Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: The grant award is for a three year period. The Human Services Agency will seek additional grant funding and then look to County funds for on-going program support after the grant period has ended.

Award Amount: \$745,564

Grant Period: October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Justice
Office for Victims of Crime

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: 16.582

Grant ID Number: 2018-V3-GX-0062

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Agency does not anticipate the need to contract with professional service providers to fulfill the scope of work requirements since the grant funds two positions to provide these services. Should the Agency have a need to procure these services in future grant years, it will adhere to the County's competitive bid process and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY19 budget in Fund 228 will be increased by \$745,564 both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11518 -431100	Federal Revenue	\$ 745,564.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 745,564.00
IO 11518 -701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 421,696.00
-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 281,131.00
-710500	Other Expense	\$ 42,737.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 745,564.00

The grant award does not require county match.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the FY 2018 Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of [\$745,564; no county match] for the period retroactive October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021; authorize the Agency to execute the grant award 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 accept the FY 2018 Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving

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