



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 8, 2019

DATE: Wednesday, January 02, 2019

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 approve a Federal Title IV-E Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$17,143,440; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the Subgrant Award. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency is recommending the Board approve a Federal Title IV-E Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$17,143,440; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the Subgrant Award..

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND

Retroactive approval is requested due to the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services issuing a Notice of Subgrant Award (NOSA) on September 27, 2018. Historically, the State has not issued NOSA for Title IV-E funding. The Human Services Agency requested a revised NOSA that included CFDA numbers which was received November 16, 2018.

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 671-679b) is an important funding stream for foster care costs. It provides for federal reimbursement for a portion of the maintenance and administrative costs of foster care for children who meet specified

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federal eligibility requirements. The federal funds help offset the State and local costs of providing foster care to children.

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act provides federal funds to provide foster care, transitional independent living programs for children, guardianship assistance, and adoption assistance for children with special needs.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Child Welfare

Scope of the Project: Adoption, Foster Care and Guardianship administration and placement costs.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Funds will be utilized to support costs associated with children in the Washoe County child welfare system.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount:	\$ 5,143,032	Title IV-E Adoption
	\$11,143,236	Title IV-E Foster Care
	<u>\$ 857,172</u>	Kinship Guardianship
	\$17,143,440	

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

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada
Division of Child and Family Services

CFDA Number: 93.659 - Title IV-E Adoption
93.658 - Title IV-E Foster Care
93.090 – Kinship Guardianship

Grant ID Number: 3141-19-001

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Agency will contract for professional services as required by following 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, no adjustments will be necessary to the Human Services Agency's FY19 adopted budget. Budget authority was approved as part of the FY19 annual budget process in the following Revenue Only Internal Orders:

IO 11385-431100	Federal Grants
IO 11386-431100	Federal Grants
IO 11370-431100	Federal Grants
IO 11371-431100	Federal Grants
IO 11551-431100	Federal Grants

Expenditures for this award are tracked in the cost centers and general ledger accounts identified in the approved Washoe County Department of Social Services Cost Allocation Plan Narrative (CAPs) dated July 1, 2017 and subsequent approved CAPs should the CAP be approved by the appropriate State and Federal Agencies.. No county match is required.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve a Federal Title IV-E Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$17,143,440; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the Subgrant Award.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a Federal Title IV-E Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$17,143,440; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the Subgrant Award."