



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 accept a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$148,561; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, to support foster care and adoption recruitment and training efforts. Authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Department is recommending the acceptance of a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of \$148,561; no county match, retroactive from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, to support foster care and adoption recruitment and training efforts; and authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure & Health Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 27, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved agenda item # 9.J.5, the Department's request to accept \$118,948 in Federal Adoption Incentive funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services for October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

The Board has routinely accepted Federal Adoption Incentive Funds since 2004.

BACKGROUND

Retroactive approval is requested due to the timing of the Human Services Agency receiving the FY19 Adoption Incentive Notice of Grant on December 3, 2018.

Federal Adoption Incentive Grant funds are passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to support child welfare efforts in the area of foster care,

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adoption recruitment and training. These funds may be utilized for services to families awaiting adoption, post adoption services, and specialized recruitment and training for the adoption program. Washoe County Human Services Agency has routinely used these funds to assist with travel and transition costs for adoptive placement, post placement supervision in other states, foster and adoptive recruitment and finalization activities, staff professional development and assistance with non-Medicaid covered medical expenses.

In November 2003, the Human Services Agency held the first local Adoption Day celebration in conjunction with National Adoption Day. In November 2004, the Department expanded the celebration to include a reception for adoptive families. The success of Adoption Day has grown with each event becoming more popular than the previous celebration. Washoe County Human Services Agency successfully launched a media campaign to highlight adoption and the need for adoptive homes in our community. In 2018 the Human Services Agency has finalized over 200 adoptions, insuring children in Washoe County now have forever homes.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Human Services Agency
Adoption Incentive Program.

Scope of the Project: Federal Adoption Incentive Funds are awarded in support of child welfare efforts in the areas of foster care, adoption recruitment and training. The Human Services Agency uses these funds to assist with travel and transition costs, post placement supervision in other states, foster and adoptive recruitment and finalization activities to include refreshments, staff professional development, post adoption services, assistance with non-Medicaid covered medical expenses and media campaign efforts to highlight adoption and the need for adoptive homes in our community.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Adoption Incentive Program allows children to find permanent adoptive homes reducing the number of children in foster care in Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$148,561

Grant Period: October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019

Funding Source: Department of Health & Human Services
Administration for Children & Families

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

CFDA Number: 93.603

Grant ID Number: 93603-17-002

Match Amount and Type: No match required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Contracts for services to support foster care and adoption recruitment activities will be procured in compliance with the Washoe County Procurement Policy, the Washoe County Grants Manual and 2 CFR 200.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by \$148,561 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO11543 -431100	Federal Revenue	\$ 148,561
	Total Revenue	\$ 148,561
IO11543 -711210	Travel	\$ 4,250
-711212	Meals/Lodging	\$ 5,750
-711213	Travel Non-county	\$ 1,000
-710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 3,000
-710100	Professional Services	\$ 124,000
-710500	Other Expense	\$ 10,561
	Total Expenditures	\$ 148,561

The grant award does not require match.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$148,561; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, to support foster care and adoption recruitment and training efforts. Authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-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 a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$148,561; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, to support foster care and adoption recruitment and training efforts. Authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."