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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: February 9, 2016**

**DATE:** January 13, 2016

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Amber Howell, Director, Department of Social Services  
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**THROUGH:** Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept an amendment for \$1,068,087 in carry forward grant funding from the Federal Administration for Children and Families (\$133,496 County match) representing unobligated funds from prior year awards for the prevention of long-term foster care effective retroactive to September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016; if approved, authorize an agreement with Action for Child Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$210,000 and an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with The Children's Cabinet for an additional \$50,000 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.  
(All Commission Districts)

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Social Services has been provided an amendment for \$1,068,087 in carry forward grant funding from the Federal Administration for Children and Families designated to prevent long-term foster care in our community. A portion of the funding will support agreements with Action for Child Protection, Inc. and The Children's Cabinet.

This approval is retroactive as the Department received the Notice of Award in mid-January.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On October 13, 2015, the Board approved a no-cost extension to the budget period to September 29, 2016 for a grant from the Federal Administration for Children and Families for the Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII) Program to prevent long-term foster care and approve a professional services agreement with The Children's Cabinet, Inc. in the amount of \$475,000.00 to provide case management services retroactive to September 30, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The Board has accepted funding annually since the inception of the grant project period in 2010.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

## **BACKGROUND**

Washoe County Department of Social Services was granted a one year extension, or sixth year, of a five year federally-funded research project called the Permanency Innovations Innovative (PII). The overall goal of the project is to reduce the number of children in long-term foster care. The Department has been gathering outcome data through a rigorous randomized control study approach since August 2012. A key component of the study has included the analysis of an intensive supervisory approach to include weekly coaching and consultation with program staff. As the Department moves into the final stages of the project it is also planning for long-term sustainability and enhancing internal capacity to maintain the intensive training and quality assurance mechanisms already installed. Carry forward funding from prior years' unobligated funds were recently authorized to successfully complete these final stages.

The Department administers the grant and has routinely had a contract with Action for Child Protection, Inc. and the Children's Cabinet to meet the objections of the program.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *Initiative to Reduce Long Term Foster Care*

**Scope of the Project:** *The Federal Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII) is a demonstration project designed to improve permanency outcomes among children in foster care who have the most serious barriers to permanency.*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Prevent children from entering long-term foster care; improve permanency for children in foster care; and decrease the amount of time it takes for foster care youth to achieve permanency.*

**On-Going Program Support:** *The program is being instituted as standard practice of the Department*

**Award Amount:** *\$1,068,087.00*

**Grant Period:** *September 30, 2015 – September 29, 2016*

**Funding Source:** *Administration for Children and Families*

**Pass through From:** *n/a*

**CFDA Number:** *93.348*

**Grant ID Number:** *90CT0157-05-03*

**Match Amount and Type:** *\$133,496.00 cash match*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *Agreement with Action for Child Protection for coaching, training and consultation for \$210,000. An amendment to the existing Professional Services Agreement with The Children's Cabinet for an additional \$50,000 to provide safety services to families.*

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board authorize acceptance of these grant funds, the Department's FY16 adopted budget will be increased in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

IO# 11191	431100 – Federal Grant Revenue	\$ 964,602.00
IO# 11191	431105 – Federal Grants – indirect	\$ 103,485.00
IO# 11191	701412 – Salary Adjustment	\$ 392,434.00
IO# 11191	710100 – Professional Services	\$ 515,816.00
IO# 11191	710350 – Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.00
IO# 11191	710502 – Printing	\$ 1,500.00
IO# 11191	710509 – Seminars and meetings	\$ 2,700.00
IO# 11191	710519 – Cellular Phone	\$ 137.00
IO# 11191	710712 – Family Preservation	\$ 50,000.00
IO# 11191	710729 – Mental Health Assessments	\$ 100,000.00
IO# 11191	711210 – Travel	\$ 4,000.00

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to accept an amendment for \$1,068,087 in carry forward grant funding from the Federal Administration for Children and Families (\$133,496 County match) representing unobligated funds from prior year awards for the prevention of long-term foster care effective retroactive to September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016; if approved, authorize an agreement with Action for Child Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$210,000 and an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with The Children's Cabinet for an additional \$50,000 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "move to accept an amendment for \$1,068,087 in carry forward grant funding from the Federal Administration for Children and Families (\$133,496 County match) representing unobligated funds from prior year awards for the prevention of long-term foster care effective retroactive to September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016; if approved, authorize an agreement with Action for Child Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$210,000 and an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with The Children's Cabinet for an additional \$50,000 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments".