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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 26, 2019

DATE: February 4, 2019, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a Subaward Agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe County School District to pass through Title IV-E federal funds in the amount of [\$450,000], for a retroactive grant period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; and approve resolution necessary for same. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve a Subaward Agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe County School District to pass through Title IV-E federal funds to reimburse for actual expenses incurred to provide out of zone transportation for children in foster care allowed under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act which is estimated to be an annual cost of [\$450,000].

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 8, 2019, The Board of County Commissioners approved 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.

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 change to subgrant requires fund be passed through to the Washoe County School District via a subrecipient agreement in order to comply with 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative

Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. In additional, the Human Services Agency requested a revised NOSA that included CFDA numbers which was received November 16, 2018.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) effective December 10, 2015 requires formal collaboration between Child Welfare agencies and School Districts to ensure the needs of children in foster care are met.

Pursuant to ESSA, WCHSA will utilize Title IV-E funds (CFDA number 93.658) as available and appropriate for the partial reimbursement of WCSD Transportation Department expenses to maintain foster students in their out of zone enrollments. Title IV-E funds are available to cover out of zone transportation costs for foster children who meet Title IV-E eligibility criteria. The Federal funds requested will be 50% of the eligible costs as submitted by WCSD. The offsetting 50% must be “matching” funds in the WCSD budget that are not federal funds or utilized as matching funds for any other funding source. The amount to be reimbursed shall be based on actual costs reported by WCSD to WCHSA and corresponding funds received by WCHSA. WCHSA shall absorb all administrative costs incurred through the processing of Title IV-E reimbursements to WCSD.

The actual reimbursement amount will be based on the calculation of prior quarter eligible participants, the corresponding Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and the percentage of students who are eligible for support under Title IV-E funds in the claiming quarter.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board approve the Subaward Agreement, there will be no additional fiscal impact to the FY19 Child Protective Services Fund adopted budget as this expense was anticipated and included in the adopted budget.

Federal revenue is tracked in IO11385 and payments are tracked in cost center 280715 g/l 710119 – Subrecipient Payments.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “to approve a Subaward Agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe County School District to pass through Title IV-E federal funds in the amount of [\$450,000], for a retroactive grant period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; and approve resolution necessary for same.”