



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 9, 2019

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 02, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of [\$165,650.24; no county match] to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactively from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

The Agency is requesting that the Board accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of [\$165,650.24; no county match] to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactively from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Activities include the coordination of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs in Washoe County with state, county and community organizations, planning and evaluation of community behavioral health programs, and providing leadership on mental health issues.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 10, 2017 the Board accepted a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$325,215.00 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019.

On September 27, 2016 the Board accepted a sub-grant amendment from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for an additional nine (9) months of funding in the amount of \$112,500.

The Board has accepted two previous sub-grants from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for the same purpose in FY14-15 and FY15-16 and

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previously authorized the creation of 1.0 FTE, fully benefitted, full-time Behavioral Health Program Coordinator.

### **BACKGROUND**

The original notice of the award was received May 14<sup>th</sup> but with errors. Retroactive approval is requested as a revised notice of the award was received June 18<sup>th</sup> and the next available board meeting was July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Funding for this Sub-grant award is through state Liquor Tax funds. The objectives of this funding are to provide financial assistance to support projects for the development and implementation of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation activities directed to the diseases of alcohol and drug abuse. Staff supported by this funding assist with carrying out the state's plan for providing comprehensive community health services to adults with a serious mental health illness and to children with serious emotional disturbance. Additional responsibilities include monitoring the progress of implementing comprehensive community-based mental health system, providing and assisting the State in planning and implementing a comprehensive community-based mental health system.

Historically, Nevada's mental health services have not been well coordinated, creating a situation where the largest mental health provider is typically the local jail. The intent of this grant is to bring coordination to the local level in partnership with the state, allowing Washoe County to identify key issues and coordinate resources.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Behavioral Health, Prevention and Treatment –  
Coordination of Behavioral Health in Washoe County.

**Scope of the Project:** Support for a Behavioral Health Program Coordinator to direct, coordinate and maximize the integration and cooperation of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs with state, county and local community organizations within Washoe County. This includes planning and evaluation of community behavioral health programs, securing community funding for behavioral health and drug abuse programs, and providing leadership on mental health issues.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Enhanced safety and well-being of Washoe County residents through the development and implementation of long-range plans pertaining to the expansion of funding and more effective provision of behavioral health services.

**On-Going Program Support:** This is the sixth year of funding provided by the state in support of this position. If the grant is not continued we would consider eliminating the position.

**Award Amount:** \$165,650.24 (\$156,017.56 direct/\$9,632.68 Indirect)

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020  
**Funding Source:** State of Nevada, Liquor Tax funds  
**Pass Through Entity:** N/A  
**CFDA Number:** N/A  
**Grant ID Number:** HD #17084

**Match Amount and Type:** No match is required.

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by \$156,017.56 in both revenue and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11580 -432100	State Grants	\$ 156,017.56
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 156,017.56</b>
IO 11580 -701110	Base Salaries	\$ 96,326.90
-705110	Group Insurance	\$ 9,326.75
-705115	ER HAS Contribs	\$ 2,000.00
-705210	Retirement	\$ 28,107.58
-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 14,507.33
-711210	Travel	\$ 5,749.00
	<b>Total Increase in Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 156,017.56</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of [\$165,650.24; no county match] to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactively from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award documents; 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, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of [\$165,650.24; no county match] to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactively from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; authorize the Director

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