



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 10, 2019

**DATE:** November 26, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept two Notice of Subgrant Awards from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support crisis and jail diversion services provided through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement. First, a renewal of the legislatively approved MOST award in the amount of [\$1,709,550 (\$854,775 per year); no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 and second, an additional award funded through State Liquor Taxes to support Governor Sisolak's initiative for 24/7 operations, in the amount of [\$246,002; no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant awards and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### **SUMMARY**

The receipt of grant awards requires acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners. HSA is requesting the Board accept two awards from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health to support the Mobile Outreach Safety Team in providing crisis and jail diversion services in the amounts of \$1,709,550 and \$246,002 (a grant total of \$1,100,777 for FY20 and \$854,775 for FY21).

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure, and Healthy Communities.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On October 10, 2017, the Board approved item #14, the Agency's request to accept a supplemental grant award in the amount of \$873,662.00 with no county match retroactive from March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 and authorized the creation of an additional 2.0 FTE Mental Health Counselor II positions and 1.0 FTE Case Manager position for the MOST Team.

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

On April 11, 2017, the Board approved item #8, the Agency's request to accept a State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) subgrant in the amount of \$518,349 with no county match retroactive from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2019 and authorized the creation of 2.0 FTE Mental Health Counselor II positions to provide crisis and jail diversion services through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement.

## **BACKGROUND**

The MOST sub-grant was developed in response to a recommendation from the Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council, established by former Governor Brian Sandoval in 2013. This recommendation called for the creation of locally operated intervention teams with the objective of working with law enforcement professionals in response to individuals with mental health conditions who are in crisis. This transition to local operation aims to increase coordination with the local law enforcement agencies and increase local support of the MOST Team.

Effective March 2017, this subgrant initiated the transfer of the MOST Team operations for Washoe County to HSA; prior to this period, the MOST Team was operated in entirety by the State of Nevada.

For this award, the State of Nevada will provide two years of funding in the amount of \$854,775, with no County match required, to Washoe County to support a MOST Team to respond to and/or with law enforcement personnel to referrals for individuals in crisis and provide the following services:

- Immediate crisis intervention up to and including Legal 2000 (L2K) holds for persons at least 18 years old with a Serious Mental Illness;

- Referrals for ongoing mental health and other social services such as medical care, housing, and other supportive services needed for stabilization;

- Follow-up case management to monitor referral outcomes and ensure linkages to ongoing services as needed; and,

- Outreach to local law enforcement agencies, human services organizations, mental health advocacy groups and other community-based organizations to enhance and coordinate ancillary referrals.

During his first State of the State Address on January 16, 2019, Governor Steve Sisolak called for an expansion of MOST Team operating hours, increasing access to 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This initiative was also included in the 2020-2021 Governor Recommended Budget. As a result, the Agency is receiving the supplemental funding in the amount of \$246,002 for FY20 and will add two Mental Health Counselor II positions to accomplish this goal. The Agency's management staff will provide clinical supervision for the mental health professionals and coordinate policy and program priorities with local law enforcement agencies.

The Agency received the Notices of Award for these grants on September 6, 2019 and October 24, 2019, both with an effective date of July 1, 2019; therefore, the request to accept these awards is retroactive.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #1**

**Project/Program Name:** Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team)

**Scope of the Project:** Crisis and jail diversion services will be provided through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Local implementation of the MOST Team has and will continue to provide more coordinated and efficient crisis and jail diversion services for Washoe County residents with a Severe Mental Illness who are in crisis.

**On-Going Program Support:** The MOST Team was operated by the State Division of Public and Behavioral Health until March 2017 when the first Sub-Grant to shift implementation of the program to the local government level was issued to Washoe County. This award represents the first renewal at the local level. If the grant award is discontinued or not renewed, the program would be shifted back to the State and the MOST Team positions would be eliminated as they would be no longer needed.

**Award Amount:** \$ 1,709,550 (**\$1,709,550 Direct/ \$0 Indirect**)

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021

**Funding Source:** State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

**Pass through Entity:** N/A

**CFDA Number:** N/A

**Grant ID Number:** 17475

**Match Amount and Type:** There is no required match.

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** There are no anticipated sub-awards or contracts associated with this grant award.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award, the department's FY20 adopted budget will need to be amended by \$854,775 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Revenues and expenditures for year two of the grant award will be included in the budgeting process for FY21.

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11619	-432100	State Grants	\$ 854,775
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 854,775</b>
IO 11619	-701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 574,759
IO 11619	-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 240,081
IO 11619	-710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 30,807
IO 11619	-710509	Seminars & Meetings	\$ 4,712
IO 11619	-711210	Travel	\$ 4,416
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 854,775</b>

Funding provided by the biannual State budget did not include indirect costs.

The MOST Awards fund a total of 8.0 FTE's (100%) and as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the position will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured.

If the grant award is discontinued or not renewed, the program would be shifted back to the State and the MOST Team positions would be eliminated as they would be no longer needed.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #2**

**Project/Program Name:** Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) Expansion

**Scope of the Project:** Operations of the MOST Team will be expanded to 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Expansion of the MOST Team operations will work towards ensuring crisis and jail diversion services are more readily available to the community.

**On-Going Program Support:** For FY20, additional funding was awarded to expand the operating hours of the MOST Team. If the grant award is discontinued or not renewed, the program would be shifted back to the State and the MOST Teams positions would be eliminated as they would be no longer needed.

**Award Amount:** \$ 246,002 (\$241,287 Direct/ \$4,715 Indirect)

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

**Funding Source:** State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

**Pass through Entity:** N/A

**CFDA Number:** N/A

**Grant ID Number:** 17165

**Match Amount and Type:** There is no required match.

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** There are no anticipated sub-awards or contracts associated with this grant award.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award, the department's FY20 adopted budget will need to be amended by \$241,287 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11620	-432100	State Grants	\$ 241,287
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 241,287</b>
IO 11620	-701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 58,942
IO 11620	-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 128,006
IO 11620	-710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 33,835
IO 11620	-711210	Travel	\$ 20,504
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 241,287</b>

Indirect costs in the amount of \$4,715 are included in the grant budget.

No amendment is necessary for the indirect revenue.

The MOST Awards fund a total of 8.0 FTE's (100%) and as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the position will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured.

If the grant award is discontinued or not renewed, the program would be shifted back to the State and the MOST Team positions would be eliminated as they would be no longer needed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to accept two Notice of Subgrant Awards from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support crisis and jail diversion services provided through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement. First, a renewal of the legislatively approved MOST award in the amount of [\$1,709,550 (\$854,775 per year); no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 and second, an additional award funded through State Liquor Taxes to support Governor Sisolak's initiative for 24/7 operations, in the amount of [\$246,002; no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant awards and related 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 two Notice of Subgrant Awards from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support crisis and jail diversion services provided through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement. First, a renewal of the legislatively approved MOST award in the amount of [\$1,709,550 (\$854,775 per year); no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 and second, an additional award funded through State Liquor Taxes to support Governor Sisolak's initiative for 24/7 operations, in the amount of [\$246,002; no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant awards and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."