



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 10, 2019

**DATE:** Thursday, December 05, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a Notice of Subgrant Award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for Title XX in the amount of [\$663,807; no county match] to promote reunification, safety, educational support and, normalcy for children in care retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award 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 an award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for Title XX to promote reunification, safety, educational support and, normalcy for children in the amount of \$663,807 with no county match.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 28, 2018, the Board approved item #14, the Agency's request to accept a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Title XX subgrant in the amount of \$663,807 with no county match retroactive from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

On February 27, 2018 in item 9J2, the Board accepted the Social Services Block Grant Title XX Supplemental Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of \$10,000 to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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

On September 12, 2017 in item 17, the Board accepted the Social Services Block Grant: Title XX subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of \$655,775 to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

### **BACKGROUND**

Title XX of the Social Security Act provides for funding to states to provide locally relevant social services through the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). States are allocated funding through a formula based entitlement and have substantial discretion in the use of SSBG funds. Each State determines what services are provided, who is eligible to receive them, and how funds are used. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services allocates these funds to state and non-state programs providing social services in urban and rural communities statewide. Through the SSBG States provide essential social services that help achieve a myriad of goals to reduce dependency and promote self-sufficiency; prevent and protect children and adults from neglect, abuse and exploitation; and help individuals who are unable to take care of themselves to stay in their homes or to find the best institutional arrangements.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this grant on October 24, 2019 with an effective date of July 1, 2019; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Social Services Block Grant: Title XX

**Scope of the Project:** Promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care by providing behavioral health and domestic violence evaluation and treatment for adults and children, and care for children at emergency shelters and foster homes <90 days.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care.

**On-Going Program Support:** Social Services Block Grant Title XX funds were included as a part of the funding for the Block Grant awarded to agencies which provide child welfare services in the 2011 Legislative session, as outlined in NRS 432B.2185.

**Award Amount:** \$ 663,807 (**\$663,807 Direct/ \$0 Indirect**)

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

**Funding Source:** Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

**Pass Through Entity:** State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA Number:** 93.667

**Grant ID Number:** 1069

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

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** Services for room and board will be paid for using this funding; part of which may be paid to Core Dynamics as the awarded agency under RFP 3079-19.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board approve this grant award, the Agency's adopted FY20 adopted budget will need to be amended by \$663,807 in both revenues and expenditures as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	Amount of Increase/(Decrease)
IO 11659	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 663,807
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 663,807</b>
IO 11659	-710701	Emergency Shelter	\$ 663,807
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 663,807</b>

No match is required.

As there are no salaries or wage associated with this grant award, no indirect has been included.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to accept a Notice of Subgrant Award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for Title XX in the amount of [\$663,807; no county match] to promote reunification, safety, educational support and, normalcy for children in care retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to the subgrant award 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 a Notice of Subgrant Award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for Title XX in the amount of [\$663,807; no county match] to promote reunification, safety, educational support and, normalcy for children in care retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to the subgrant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."