



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020

**DATE:** June 24, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Amber Howell, Director, Human Services Agency  
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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a subgrant award from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for a supplemental award in the amount of [\$50,000; no match requirement]; retroactive from April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 for enhanced care for seniors during COVID-19 pandemic; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

The Department would like to recommend the acceptance of a subgrant from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division in the amount of [\$50,000; no match requirement]; retroactive to April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 to support enhanced care for seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing Homemaker workers with personal protective equipment (PPE), establishing a grocery home delivery program and expanding wellness checks phone calls.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 12, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.F.2, the Agency's request to accept a subgrant award from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for a supplemental award for COVID-19 emergency support of Home Delivered Meals in the amount of \$23,871 with no county match, retroactive from March 20, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

### BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated needs among Washoe County's senior population as well as created new ones. This grant will enhance Washoe County Human Services Agency's ability to meet these evolving needs through the following means:

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

1. Establish a centralized supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for use by HSA's Homemaker program. This equipment will ensure that both Homemaker workers and senior clients are safe as workers enter homes to provide essential care services.
2. Establish home-delivered grocery program, which will provide low-income and homebound seniors access to needed groceries without the need to leave their homes.
3. Expand wellness check calls. The senior services team currently contacts Home Delivered Meal client weekly for a wellness screening in relation to COVID-19. This grant will support staffing costs for the team to expand these calls to a more thorough mental and physical wellness conversation.

The Agency received the Notice of Subaward for this grant on June 18, 2020 with an effective date of April 1, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Senior Health Promotion

**Scope of the Project:** This project is intended to meet immediate needs among Washoe County seniors as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It includes the purchase of essential PPE for Homemaker workers, a home-delivered grocery service, and expanded weekly wellness checks to homebound seniors.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Senior citizens are among the county's most vulnerable populations due to the pandemic. This grant will benefit Washoe County seniors by providing essential physical and mental support through Homemaker services, grocery delivery and weekly wellness calls from senior services staff

**On-Going Program Support:** This grant is in response to the emergency circumstances created by COVID-19. The expanded services created through this grant will conclude as the emergency subsides.

**Award Amount:** \$47,824.75 direct / \$2,175.25 indirect

**Grant Period:** April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

**Funding Source:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Administration for Community Living, CARES Act for Supportive Services under Title III-B of the Older Americans Act

**Pass Through Entity:** Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division

**CFDA Number:** 93.044

**Grant ID Number:** 16-000-59-BC3X-20

**Match Amount and Type:** Matching funds are not required

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award, the adopted FY21 budget will increase by \$50,000 in both revenue and expenditures, in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11720	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 47,824.75
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 47,824.75</b>
IO 11720	-701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 21,752.53
	-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 10,420.04
	-710300	Operating Expense	\$ 4,402.18
	-710592	Nutrition Program	\$ 11,250.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 47,824.75</b>

Indirect costs in the amount of \$2,175.25 are included in the grant budget. The grant has no county match requirement.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a subgrant award from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for a supplemental award in the amount of [\$50,000; no match requirement]; retroactive from April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 for enhanced care for seniors during COVID-19 pandemic; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to approve a subgrant award from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for a supplemental award in the amount of [\$50,000; no match requirement]; retroactive from April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 for enhanced care for seniors during COVID-19 pandemic; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.”