



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 31, 2020

DATE: August 5, 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 accept a FY21 Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Federal Title IV-B sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$82,028; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide child welfare services related to increased or alternative needs due to the coronavirus pandemic with a focus on keeping families together; retroactively authorize the Director of Washoe County Human Services Agency to execute the grant agreement; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Title IV-B funding primarily supports formula grants to state, tribal, and territorial child welfare agencies for provision of services to children and their families. Additional funds are provided to courts to improve handling of child abuse and neglect proceedings. Finally, some Title IV-B dollars are provided on a competitive basis to various public or private entities for support of research, evaluation, training, or other grants intended to improve or expand provision of child welfare-related services.

The Agency would like to recommend the acceptance of a FY21 Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Federal Title IV-B sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$82,028; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide child welfare services related to increased or alternative needs due to the coronavirus pandemic with a focus on keeping families together.

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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 24, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7.J.2, the Department's request to accept \$62,004 in Title IV-B funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

On September 4, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners approved item #19, the Department's request to accept \$212,004 in Title IV-B funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactive from July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

BACKGROUND

Title IV-B Subpart 1 of the Social Security Act, also called the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program, primarily supports formula grants to state, tribal, and territorial child welfare agencies for provision of services to children and their families. Additional funds are provided to courts to improve handling of child abuse and neglect proceedings. Finally, some Title IV-B dollars are provided on a competitive basis to various public or private entities for support of research, evaluation, training, or other grants intended to improve or expand provision of child welfare-related services.

This federal CARES Act funding has been awarded to supplement the annual federal Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program. There is no match or Maintenance of Effort required with this grant. This funding will promote State flexibility in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe loving families by (1) protecting and promoting the welfare of all children; (2) preventing the neglect, abuse or exploitation of children; (3) supporting at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner; (4) promoting the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and with adoptive families; and (5) providing training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.

Title IV-B of the Social Security Act is an important funding stream for child welfare. It provides funding for many activities including protecting and promoting the welfare of all children, preventing the neglect, abuse or exploitation of children, and support at-risk families.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this sub-grant on July 24, 2020 with an effective date of July 1, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Child Welfare

Scope of the Project: To provide child welfare services related to increased or alternative needs due to the coronavirus pandemic with a focus on keeping families together.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Funds will be used to support costs associated with children in the Washoe County child welfare system and to respond to the increased or alternate needs of children due to the coronavirus pandemic.

On-Going Program Support: WCHSA will seek ongoing support through Federal Title IV-B funding programs.

Award Amount: \$82,028 (**\$82,028 direct/\$0 indirect**)

Grant Period: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Funding Source: Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and Title IV-B, Subpart 1, Sections 421-425 and Section 428, of the Social Security Act

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services

CFDA Number: 93.645 Title IV-B Subpart 1

Grant ID Number: 93645-20-103

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Human Services Agency will follow the County and federal grant procurement guidelines for any subawards and contracts.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the Human Services Agency's, Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY21 adopted budget will be increased by \$82,028 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11712 - 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 82,028.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 82,028.00
IO 11712 - 710100	Professional Services	\$ 45,000.00
- 710712	Family Preservation	\$ 17,028.00
- 710734	Residence Assistance	\$ 20,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 82,028.00

The grant has no county match requirement and there are no indirect costs as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a FY21 Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Federal Title IV-B sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$82,028; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide child welfare services related to increased or alternative needs due to the coronavirus pandemic with a focus on keeping families together; retroactively authorize the Director of Washoe County Human Services Agency to execute the grant agreement; 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 FY21 Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Federal Title IV-B sub-grant award from DCFS in the amount of [\$82,028; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide child welfare services related to increased or alternative needs due to the coronavirus pandemic with a focus on keeping families together; retroactively authorize the Director of Washoe County Human Services Agency to execute the grant agreement; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments."