



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** September 8, 2020

**DATE:** August 19, 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 sub-grant award from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division's Independent Living Grant to support the Representative Payee program [\$31,218; County match of \$4,683], retroactive from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the Sub-grant Awards and related documents. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

The receipt of grant awards requires acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners. The agency is requesting the Board accept [\$31,218; \$4,683 County match] from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for the Representative Payee program to support the Senior Citizens in Washoe County.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 12, 2019, item 13, the Board of County Commissioners accepted sub-grant awards from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for the following Older Americans Act Title III Programs: Representative Payee [\$31,218; County match of \$5,510 from ad valorem tax], Case Management [\$156,249; County match of \$27,577 from ad valorem tax] and Homemaker Services [\$72,200; County match of \$12,743 from ad valorem tax]; and the following State of Nevada Independent Living Programs: Homemaker Services [\$57,400; County match of 8,610 from ad valorem tax] and Adult Day Care [\$66,070; County match of \$9,911 from ad valorem tax], retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On August 28, 2018, item 15, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to approve three Older Americans Act Title III Programs: Representative Payee [\$31,218 match of \$5,510 from ad valorem tax], Case Management [\$175,663 match of \$31,003 from ad valorem tax] and Homemaker Services [\$108,000 match of \$20,012 from ad valorem tax]; and two State of Nevada Independent Living

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Programs: Homemaker Services [\$21,600, no match required] and Adult Day Care [\$66,070 match of \$9,911 from ad valorem tax], retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

On August 8, 2017 the Board accepted various Older Americans Act Title III and independent living grant awards for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On July 12, 2016 the Board accepted various Older Americans Act Title III and independent living grant awards for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

On July 14, 2015 the Board accepted various Older Americans Act Title III grant awards for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

These are continuing grants that have been accepted by the Board of County Commissioners annually.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Representative Payee program, through HSA Senior Services, provides an important service in our continuum of care, with the goal of supporting independent living and preventing premature institutionalization. Funding from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division has been the foundation of many important services that the department provides for many years.

The Department received the Notices of Award for this grant on August 6, 2020 with an effective date of July 1, 2020; therefore, the request to accept these awards is retroactive.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:**     **Representative Payee**

**Scope of the Project:** The Representative Payee program is a component of Washoe County Human Services continuum of care programs. Social Workers utilize the program to stabilize community living for those who are financially at risk. The service is matched with other Senior Social Services through Worker-Client negotiated care plans, including social work intervention, access to medical, legal, in-home care, home delivered meals, referrals for elder protective services and advocacy.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The Representative Payee program supports independent living, prevents premature institutionalization, financial exploitation, extreme poverty, homelessness and the unnecessary decline in health for many of the elderly in Washoe County.

**On-Going Program Support:** The grant award is used to support Representative Payee program costs. Funds are utilized to contract for professional services as well as supplement four Social Workers. Additional resources that support the program are County General Funds.

**Award Amount:** \$31,218 (**\$30,443.09 Direct/ \$774.91 Indirect**)

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

**Funding Source:** Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division

**Pass Through Entity:** N/A

**CFDA Number:** N/A

**Grant ID Number:** 16-000-21-BX-21

**Match Amount and Type:** ADSD requires \$4,683 in matching funds which will be provided through Washoe County General Funds.

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The Human Services Agency will contract for Representative Payee services following the County's competitive bid process, and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Guidance.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this grant award there will be no additional fiscal impact as this award was anticipated and included in the Human Services Agency, Senior Services Fund (F225) FY21 adopted budget in IO-11489. A budget adjustment will be processed to move the budget authority from IO-11489 to IO-11747.

Indirect costs for salaries and wages in the amount of \$774.91 are included in the award. No amendment is necessary for the indirect revenue.

County match is included in the adopted FY21 budget in cost center: 250311 Case Management Local.

As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to accept sub-grant award from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division's Independent Living Grant to support the Representative Payee program [\$31,218; County match of \$4,683], retroactive from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the Sub-grant Awards and related documents.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept sub-grant award from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division's

Independent Living Grant to support the Representative Payee program [\$31,218; County match of \$4,683], retroactive from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the Sub-grant Awards and related documents.”