



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 22, 2020

**DATE:** August 31, 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 the 2019 Continuum of Care Agreement for the Shelter Plus Care Program from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of [\$127,872; \$31,968 county match] to provide housing and supportive services for homeless families, retroactive to August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

The Agency is requesting the Board accept the 2019 Continuum of Care Grant Agreement for the Shelter Plus Care Program from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of [\$127,872; \$31,968 county match] to provide housing and supportive services for homeless families for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 27, 2019 the Board accepted item #20, approval of the 2018 Continuum of Care Grant Agreement for the Shelter Plus Care Program in the amount of \$119,616 with a county match of \$29,904, retroactive from August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020; and authorization of a Subgrant Agreement for Continuum of Care services between Washoe County and Volunteers of America, Greater Sacramento and Northern Nevada, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$179,891 comprised of \$119,616 HUD, \$29,904 county match, and \$30,371 additional indigent funding.

On February 26, 2019 the Board accepted item #13, approval of the 2017 Continuum of Care Grant Agreement for the Shelter Plus Care Program in the amount of \$112,123 with a county match of \$27,552; retroactive from August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019.

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

## **BACKGROUND**

This is the tenth grant renewal from HUD for the Continuum of Care – Shelter Plus Care Program. The HUD grant and County match supports housing and supportive services costs (rent, utilities, case management, substance abuse and mental health counseling, and independent living skills) necessary to assist individuals to maintain their housing.

Under the Shelter Plus Care Program, Washoe County acts as the housing coordinator and provides case management and supportive services necessary to help the families maintain their housing. Grant funds are used to provide for rental assistance for scattered-site housing; County matching funds are used to provide additional supportive services, program, and fiscal and grant management.

Retroactive approval is requested due to the timing of the Board meeting and the internal County approval process.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** 2019 Continuum of Care, Shelter Plus Care Program

**Scope of the Project:** This program provides housing and supportive services for approximately 16 chronically homeless families.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Providing housing and supportive services to chronically homeless families helps to stabilize them and reduce the dependency on emergency community resources.

**On-Going Program Support:** This grant is expected to renew annually by HUD. Washoe County Human Services Agency already provides services to families in the homeless shelter and would continue to provide case management support (though not tenant based rental assistance) for these families should the grant fail to be renewed or could no longer be funded by HUD.

**Award Amount:** \$127,872 (\$127,872 Direct / \$0 Indirect)

**Grant Period:** August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021

**Funding Source:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Pass Through Entity:** N/A

**CFDA Number:** 14.267

**Grant ID Number:** NV0044L9T011910

**Match Amount and Type:** \$31,968 cash match

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

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the Indigent Fund (221) FY21 adopted budget will be increased by \$127,872 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11746	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 127,872.00
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 127,872.00</b>
IO 11746	-710734	Residential Assistance	\$ 127,872.00
		<b>Total Increase in Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 127,872.00</b>

Funding for the match requirement is included in the Agency's adopted FY21 budget, the match internal order will be 60612.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the 2019 Continuum of Care Agreement for the Shelter Plus Care Program from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of [\$127,872; \$31,968 county match] to provide housing and supportive services for homeless families, retroactive to August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021; authorize the Director of the 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 the 2019 Continuum of Care Agreement for the Shelter Plus Care Program from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of [\$127,872; \$31,968 county match] to provide housing and supportive services for homeless families, retroactive to August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."