



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 13, 2020

DATE: September 9, 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 three-month FY21 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$42,111.73; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Agency is requesting that the Board accept a three-month FY21 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$42,111.73; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator. Activities include the coordination of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs in Washoe County with state, county and community organizations, planning and evaluation of community behavioral health programs, and providing leadership on mental health issues. An additional award for the period of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 is expected once the Division of Public and Behavioral Health determines appropriate funding source.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 9, 2019 the Board approved item #8, the Department's request to accept a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada DPBH in the amount of \$165,650.24 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

On October 10, 2017 the Board accepted a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$325,215.00 to support the

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position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019.

On September 27, 2016 the Board accepted a sub-grant amendment from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for an additional nine (9) months of funding in the amount of \$112,500.

The Board has accepted two previous sub-grants from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for the same purpose in FY14-15 and FY15-16 and previously authorized the creation of 1.0 FTE, fully benefitted, full-time Behavioral Health Program Coordinator.

BACKGROUND

Historically, Nevada's mental health services have not been well coordinated, creating a situation where the largest mental health provider is typically the local jail. The intent of this grant is to bring coordination to the local level in partnership with the state, allowing Washoe County to identify key issues and coordinate resources.

Funding for this sub-grant award is through state general funds. The objectives of this funding are to provide financial assistance to support projects for the development and implementation of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation activities directed to the diseases of alcohol and drug abuse. Staff supported by this funding assist with carrying out the state's plan for providing comprehensive community health services to adults with a serious mental health illness and to children with serious emotional disturbance. Additional responsibilities include monitoring the progress of implementing comprehensive community-based mental health system, providing and assisting the State in planning and implementing a comprehensive community-based mental health system.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this sub-grant on July 23, 2020 with an effective date of July 1, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Behavioral Health, Prevention and Treatment
Coordination of Behavioral Health in Washoe County

Scope of the Project: To support a Behavioral Health Program Coordinator who will direct, coordinate and maximize the integration and cooperation of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs with state, county and local community organizations within Washoe County.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Enhanced safety and well-being of Washoe County residents through the development and implementation of long-range plans pertaining to the expansion of funding and more effective provision of behavioral health services.

On-Going Program Support: WCHSA will seek ongoing support through this funding source. If funding is reduced or eliminated, WCHSA would seek alternate funding sources or reduce or eliminate this program.

Award Amount: \$42,111.73 (\$38,283.39 direct/\$3,828.34 indirect)

Grant Period: July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020

Funding Source: State of Nevada, General Funds

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: HD #17755

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award there is no additional fiscal impact as this award was anticipated and included in the Human Services Agency, Indigent Fund (F221) FY21 adopted budget in IO-11580. A budget adjustment will be processed to move the budget authority from IO-11580 to IO-11740.

Indirect costs for salaries and wages in the amount of \$3,828.34 are included in the grant award budget. No amendment is necessary for the indirect revenue. The grant has no county match requirement.

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

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a three-month FY21 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$42,111.73; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a three-month FY21 sub-grant award from State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the

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