



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *October 13, 2020*

DATE: September 15, 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 Supplemental IV-B1 funding subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,500; \$20,833 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 to provide for staffing at OUR Place Family Shelter where placement of families for emergency housing will support keeping families together; 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)

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. Washoe County Human Services Agency (WCHSA) was awarded a supplemental grant in the amount of [\$62,500; \$20,833 county match] for FY21.

The Agency would like to recommend acceptance of a FY21 Supplemental IV-B1 Funding subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,500; \$20,833 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 to provide for staffing at OUR Place Family Shelter where placement of families for emergency housing will support 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 August 31, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.G.5, the Department's request to accept \$82,028 in Title IV-B1 funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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 Title IV-B1 funding has been awarded to supplement the annual federal Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program. The funding will be used to support staffing at OUR Place Family Shelter. OUR Place is currently staffed by a partnership between Washoe County and The Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE). The shelter provides temporary housing for homeless families as part of our Foster Care prevention activities. If not for the shelter, the families would be homeless and their children would potentially come in to care. Due to the pandemic many unbudgeted costs to appropriately staff the shelter have been incurred. 10 families have needed quarantine at WellCare and RISE staff have also been exposed. Additional staffing has been required to cover for those in mandated 14 day quarantine and additional administrative costs for RISE.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this sub-grant on September 2, 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: OUR Place Family Shelter provides temporary housing for homeless families as part of our Foster Care prevention activities. Funding will be provided to cover the cost of staffing the shelter.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Funds will be used to support emergency housing for families and keeping families together.

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

Award Amount: \$62,500 (**\$62,500 direct/\$0 indirect**)

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

Funding Source: Title IV-B, Subpart 1 of the Social Security Act

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

CFDA Number: 93.556

Grant ID Number: 1901NVCWSS

Match Amount and Type: \$20,833 (cash match)

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 FY21 Human Services Agency's adopted budget for Children's Services Fund 228 will be increased by \$62,500 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11752 - 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 62,500.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 62,500.00
IO 11752 - 710100	Professional Services	\$ 62,500.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 62,500.00

This grant award requires a cash match of \$20,833. The expenditures to meet the match requirement will be posted to IO 60679 and will be residential assistance expenditures.

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 Supplemental IV-B1 funding subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,500; \$20,833 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 to provide for staffing at OUR Place Family Shelter where placement of families for emergency housing will support keeping families together; authorize the Director of the

Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant and related documents; 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 Supplemental IV-B1 funding subgrant award from DCFS in the amount of [\$62,500; \$20,833 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 to provide for staffing at OUR Place Family Shelter where placement of families for emergency housing will support keeping families together; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments.