



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** October 13, 2020

**DATE:** September 16, 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 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$63,102; \$21,034 county match] for Adoption Promotion services, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### **SUMMARY**

The overall goals of Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program are to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families, improve the quality of care and services to children and their families, and ensure permanency for children by reuniting them with their parents, by adoption or by another permanent living arrangement.

Funds under PSSF are separated into four service categories. We recommend to approve a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award in the service category of Adoption Promotion and Support in the amount of [\$63,102; \$21,034 county match]. Funds are awarded from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Funds will support pre and post adoptive services, including home study assessments and social summaries, as well as an advertising campaign to promote and recruit foster families.

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards, and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

**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 #18, the Department's request to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$14,664; county match \$4,881.34] for Family Support, [\$39,938; county match \$13,312.66] for Family Preservation, [\$55,025; county match \$18,341.67] for Family Reunification, and [\$167,603; county match \$55,867.66] for Adoption Promotion and Support, retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On September 12, 2018, the Board of County of Commissioners approved item #6.K.5, the Department's request to accept \$58,000 (\$19,333 match) in Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactive to July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program is as follows:

- Promote flexibility in 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 protecting and promoting the welfare of all children;
- Prevent the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children;
- Support 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;
- Promote the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and
- Provide training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.

Retroactive approval is requested as the notice of subaward (NOSA) was received August 31, 2020 with a grant period start date of July 1, 2020.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

**Scope of the Project:** Adoption Support Services

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** This program benefits Washoe County families by providing pre and post adoptive services designed to expedite the adoption process and support foster and adoptive families, including home study assessments and social summaries for children awaiting adoption. The program will also partially fund an advertising campaign to promote and recruit foster families.

**On-Going Program Support:** N/A

**Award Amount:** \$63,102 (**\$63,102 Direct / \$0 Indirect**)

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

**Funding Source:** Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families

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

**CFDA Number:** 93.556

**Grant ID Number:** 93556-20-045

**Match Amount and Type:** \$21,034

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The Human Services Agency may contract for a foster family advertising campaign 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 and approve these amendments, the Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY21 adopted budget will be increased by \$63,102 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11726	-431110	Federal Grants	\$ 63,102.00
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 63,102.00</b>
IO 11726	-710100	Professional Services	\$ 63,102.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 63,102.00</b>

The match for this award is included in the FY21 budget and will be tracked in IO 60619.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$63,102; \$21,034 county match] for Adoption Promotion services, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant awards; 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 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$63,102; \$21,034 county match] for Adoption Promotion services, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant awards; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."