



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

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

**DATE:** Thursday, October 08, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a subgrant of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund in the amount of \$72,314 for Employee Health Nurses, grant period retroactive from July 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, and if approved, authorize the County Manager to sign the Washoe County Subgrant Agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe County School District; and approve Resolution necessary for same. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)- Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocation of federal assistance through the State of Nevada, Governor's Finance Office, provides assistance necessary to cover expenses related to the COVID-19 outbreak. This subgrant will support Employee Health Nurses necessary due to the COVID-19 emergency. The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must approve a grant of public funds by a resolution, per NRS 244.1505.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On August 4, 2020 the Board of County Commission accepted federal assistance of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)- Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocation from the State of Nevada Governor's Finance Office in the amount of [\$20,254,818; no county match], retroactive from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The CARES Act authorized \$150 billion through the Fund for state and local governments, including \$1.25 billion for Nevada. Our region received a total allocation of \$86,109,092 distributed as follows:

Washoe County	\$20,254,818
City of Reno	\$46,678,013
City of Sparks	\$19,176,261

Under the CARES Act, the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) may be used to cover costs that:

1. Were **incurred** during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
2. Are **necessary expenditures** incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.
3. Are NOT accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government.

This subgrant to Washoe County School District will provide CRF-CARES funding for two part-time Employee Health Nurses (EHN). The impact of the EHN will be help manage and track employee absence related to COVID-19, help educate staff, and minimize spread of illness by encouraging staff to stay home when ill and ultimately, keep schools open and safe for in-person learning.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board approve this subaward of CRF-CARES funds the fiscal impact will be a reduction in the available CRF-CARES in the amount of \$72,314 to be expended under IO-11733 GL 710119-Subrecipient Payments.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a subgrant of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund in the amount of \$72,314 for Employee Health Nurses, grant period retroactive from July 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, and if approved, authorize the County Manager to sign the Washoe County Subgrant Agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe County School District; and approve Resolution necessary for same.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:  
*"approve a subgrant of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund in the amount of \$72,314 for Employee Health Nurses, grant period retroactive from July 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, and if approved, authorize the County Manager to sign the Washoe County Subgrant Agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe County School District; and approve Resolution necessary for same."*