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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *October 27, 2020*

DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 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 (CARES) in the amount of \$57,744 for distance learning training and support, grant period retroactive from October 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 Nevada System of Higher Education for Cooperative Extension; and approve the Resolution necessary for same. (All Commission Districts)

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 distance learning assistance necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency the Washoe County School District moved the remaining months of the 19-20 school year to distance learning and continues to provide distance learning as a component of their efforts to address the COVID-19 outbreak.

Washoe Cooperative Extension teaches health and nutrition, children, youth (4-H) and families, horticulture, and community and economic development educational programs to support the community and its members to thrive. Washoe Extension has identified critical areas of programming required to address the impacts of COVID19 on our residents.

Of concern is the increasing student gap in achievement and opportunity caused by disadvantaged youth rapidly falling further behind academically and employability due to reduced access and skills to receive instruction in the school systems. Research undertaken by the 4-H organization shows that COVID-19 has exacerbated the inequities young people face in terms of their mental health, access to education, and their employability – particularly amongst those who were already experiencing trauma, systemic social inequity, and other disadvantages before the pandemic. This subgrant to Washoe Cooperative Extension will provide CRF-CARES funding for training and supports needed to address the needs related to distance education.

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 \$57,744 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 (CARES) in the amount of \$57,744 for distance learning training and support, grant period retroactive from October 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 Nevada System of Higher Education for Cooperative Extension; and approve the Resolution necessary for same.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to approve a subgrant of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES) in the amount of \$57,744 for distance learning training and support, grant period retroactive from October 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 Nevada System of Higher Education for Cooperative Extension; and approve the Resolution necessary for same."*