



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020

DATE: October 16, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Licensing in the amount of [\$408,600; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to provide child care licensing and monitoring within Washoe County; and ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subaward and related documents. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency is requesting the Board accept an award in the amount of [\$408,600; no county match] from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, to provide child care licensing and monitoring within Washoe County.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 14 accepting a grant award in the amount of [\$415,470; no county match] from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 to provide child care licensing and monitoring within Washoe County.

On January 15, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #10B accepting a grant award in the amount of [\$324,907; no county match] from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services retroactive to July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to support child care licensing and monitoring within Washoe County.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) is responsible for licensing and monitoring child care facilities in Washoe County. HSA Child Care Licensing has responsibility to reduce the risk of harm to children placed in care outside of their home, through initial licensing, continued monitoring and providing technical assistance to childcare facilities caring for five or more children not licensed by local entities. Facilities include child care centers, on-site centers, facilities that provide care for ill children, special needs centers, preschools, nurseries for infants and toddlers, accommodation facilities, family care homes, group care homes, institutions and outdoor youth programs.

All areas are also monitored for illegal, unlicensed child care operations and complaints are investigated with resolutions set to bring facilities into compliance with state laws. In addition, Washoe County Child Care Licensing is required to provide full criminal background checks on all licensed child care providers and their staff members, including child care staff members who don't care directly for children but have unsupervised access to children.

The Department received the Notice of Subaward (NOSA) for this grant on September 15, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Human Services Agency
Child Care Licensing

Scope of the Project: Provide Child Care Licensing activities in accordance with the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (CCDBG) through initial licensing, ongoing monitoring, inspections and complaint investigations for all providers in the Washoe County area, as well as facilitating comprehensive background checks for licensed child care staff members and care providers.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The award will benefit Washoe County residents by providing increased monitoring of facilities and allowing for an internal separation of duties between conducting investigations and inspections. The grant provides funding to maintain capacity of existing HSA Child Care Licensing activities.

On-Going Program Support: HSA will seek ongoing funding support through the Child Care and Development Block Grant managed by the State of Nevada's Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.

Award Amount: \$408,600 (**\$389,143 Direct / \$19,457 Indirect**)

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

Funding Source: Administration for Children & Families
Child Care Development Block Grant

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

CFDA Number: 93.575

Grant ID Number: CC2105

Match Amount and Type: No match required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: This award does not contain any contracts or sub-awards.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, there is no additional FY21 impact as this award was anticipated and included in the Human Services Agency adopted budget for the Child Protective Services Fund (228) in IO11648.

Indirect costs are included in the award at a rate of 5% on salary and wages. No amendment is necessary for the indirect revenue.

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 subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Licensing in the amount of [\$408,600; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to provide child care licensing and monitoring within Washoe County; and ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subaward and related documents.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendations, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Licensing in the amount of [\$408,600; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to provide child care licensing and monitoring within Washoe County; and ratify the authority of the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subaward and related documents."