



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 17, 2020

DATE: October 23, 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration subgrant award from Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families in the amount of [\$75,000; no County match requirement]; retroactive from September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021 to support the Safe Babies Court Team program; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute subaward agreement and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Agency would like to recommend the acceptance of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration subgrant award from Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families in the amount of [\$75,000; no County match required] retroactive from September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021. This grant will support enhanced services for families participating in the Human Services Agency's Safe Babies Court Team program.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure, and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

Funds for this subaward originated with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families (ZTT) was awarded \$9,948,026 by HRSA to expand capacity and drive improved outcomes for very young children and families involved with the child welfare system as well as dependency and family treatment court.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Funds were awarded to Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) to expand and enhance HSA's Safe Babies Court Team (SBCT) program. SBCT serves children birth to three years of age who have been removed from their home, and their families. This ZTT subaward will enable HSA to provide enhanced mental health and substance abuse assessments and treatment opportunities for parents as well as increased one-on-one parent mentorship, both of which will lend to improved reunification outcomes.

The Agency received the subaward contract for this grant on September 4, 2020. As such, this item will go before the Board of County Commissioners after the contract start date of September 30, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this subaward is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Safe Babies Court Team

Scope of the Project: This project will enable HSA to contract with a mental health and substance abuse services provider to provide assessments and outpatient treatment to SBCT parents, as well as contract with a parent mentor provider to provide one-on-one mentoring and support to SBCT parents.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program will provide an enhanced experience for parents participating in SBCT, which will promote more timely reunification, improved family health and function, and reduced risk of future encounters with the court system.

On-Going Program Support: This funding serves as an enhancement to ongoing efforts. Funding will be pursued to continue these enhancements; however, if additional funding is not identified by the conclusion of this grant period, the program would be scaled back to eliminate these enhancements.

Award Amount: \$ 75,000 (\$75,000 Direct / \$0 Indirect)

Grant Period: September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration

Pass Through Entity: Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families

CFDA Number: 93.110

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: Matching funds are not required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: HSA will contract for mental health and substance abuse assessment and treatment services as well as parent mentoring under this award. Both

contracts will follow 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 subaward and approve these amendments, the FY21 Child Protective Services Fund (228) adopted budget will be increased by \$75,000 in both revenue and expenditures, in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11759	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 75,000.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 75,000.00
IO 11759	-710100	Professional Services	\$ 75,000.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 75,000.00

The grant has no County match requirement and there are no indirect costs included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration subgrant award from Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families in the amount of [\$75,000; no County match requirement]; retroactive from September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021 to support the Safe Babies Court Team program; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute subaward agreement and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration subgrant award from Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families in the amount of [\$75,000; no County match requirement]; retroactive from September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021 to support the Safe Babies Court Team program; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute subaward agreement and related documents; and direct the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments."