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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *November 17, 2020*

DATE: Monday, November 16, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a subgrant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES) in the amount of \$76,500 for Food Assistance, 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 Food Bank of Northern Nevada; 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 aid necessary to cover expenses related to the COVID-19 outbreak. This subgrant will support increased food 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.

The Food Bank of Northern Nevada will utilize this funding to support efforts in meeting the food and nutrition needs of individuals and families facing increased food insecurity as a result of COVID-19. This support focuses on funding activities that will ensure the FBNN can meet the immediate need for food assistance as unemployment remains high, specific populations remain extremely vulnerable, and as uncertainty and economic instability persists. Since the end of March, the number of individuals and families needing food assistance across the 90,000-square mile service area has jumped 30 percent and has been holding steady.

In Washoe County alone, for FY20 that ended June 30, the Food Bank distributed nearly 8 million pounds of food equaling more than 6.6 million meals to more than 663,000 people. The cost to process that product and channel it to the FBNN's 75 partner feeding agencies, 39 Mobile Harvest distribution sites and 30 senior commodity box sites throughout Washoe County was \$2,479,000.

This grant will support the purchase of food, labor costs to inventory, transport and distribute the food to clients; equipment and supplies necessary in the packing and movement of food; a tablet to collect data on food distribution and food assistance and provide prepared holiday meals to homebound seniors who participate in our senior box program who continue to self-isolate during the pandemic.

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 \$76,500 to be expended under IO-11733 GL 710119-Subrecipient Payments.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a subgrant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES) in the amount of \$76,500 for Food Assistance, 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 Food Bank of Northern Nevada; 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 to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES) in the amount of \$76,500 for Food Assistance, 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 Food Bank of Northern Nevada; and approve the Resolution necessary for same."*