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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 13, 2021

DATE: March 8, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's Office, 325-6710 vjakubowski@da.washoecounty.us

THROUGH: Christopher J. Hicks, District Attorney

SUBJECT: Recommend to approve Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada acting by and through the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and Washoe County through the District Attorney, Child Support Division for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, in the amount of up to \$12,672,336 [\$3,074,902 for FY2022, \$3,136,202 for FY2023, \$3,198,728 for FY2024, and \$3,262,504 for FY2025] for the purpose of providing child support establishment and enforcement services in Washoe County on cases that do not involve state administered public assistance to one of the parents; furthermore request the Chair, Clerk, and District Attorney sign on behalf of the County. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

Contract is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration in accordance with County code to approve and sign agreements. This contract with State of Nevada provides ongoing funding of child support enforcement program and is similar to agreements approved over the past several years.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 28, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners to approved Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada Acting through the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and Washoe County District Attorney, Child Support Division for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021.

On January 27, 2015, the Board approved a two-year extension to the current contract, extending the expiration date to July 1, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On March 13, 2012 the Board approved a two-year contract, effective July 1, 2012, with the option to extend 2 additional years.

On May 20, 2008, the Board approved the Interlocal Contract between the State and Washoe County for child support services in non-public assistance cases, which expired on June 30, 2012.

Other similar agreements between the State of Nevada and Washoe County have been approved

BACKGROUND

The United States Department of Health and Human Services administers grants to states for support of child support enforcement programs. States, in turn, enter into sub-grant agreements with local governments to hand down that federal funding. Through the proposed agreement the State of Nevada is able to ensure that it has met the requirements of the federal programs for the expenditure of the federal grants, the monitoring of the success of the local programs and the gathering of the data that is required to coordinate the nationwide effort across state lines.

Under the proposed contract with the state, the district attorney's office is responsible for meeting those mandates while establishing orders for child support payments, enforcing those orders, collecting payments and distributing them to parents and guardians who have custody of children. The district attorney is also required to cooperate in auditing and planning programs that improve the local, state and national programs.

The national program is infused with reimbursement mechanisms and incentives. There are also penalties for non-compliance. Through the incentive program, the child support enforcement program can qualify for funding that can be used to purchase equipment and make capital improvements to improve the program. The incentive funds are paid in subsequent years based on past performance

FISCAL IMPACT

Washoe County is reimbursed by the State for 66% of the operational costs of child support enforcement activities carried out by the District Attorney's Office (Internal Order 10001). The remaining 34% is funded by County General fund in Cost Center 106300.

The total budget for this four-year contract is set at \$19,200,508.

The breaks down per year is as follows:

Fiscal Year	Total Budget	County 34% CC 106300	State 66% IO 10001
2021-2022	\$4,658,942	\$1,584,040	\$3,074,902
2022-2023	\$4,751,821	\$1,615,619	\$3,136,202
2023-2024	\$4,846,557	\$1,647,829	\$3,198,728
2024-2025	\$4,943,188	\$1,680,684	\$3,262,504
Total Contract	\$19,200,508	\$6,528,172	\$12,672,336

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada acting by and through the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and Washoe County through the District Attorney, Child Support Division for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, in the amount of up to \$12,672,336 [\$3,074,902 for FY2022, \$3,136,202 for FY2023, \$3,198,728 for FY2024, and \$3,262,504 for FY2025] for the purpose of providing child support establishment and enforcement services in Washoe County on cases that do not involve state administered public assistance to one of the parents; furthermore request the Chair, Clerk, and District Attorney sign on behalf of the County.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the Board agrees with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada acting by and through the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and Washoe County through the District Attorney, Child Support Division for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, in the amount of up to \$12,672,336 [\$3,074,902 for FY2022, \$3,136,202 for FY2023, \$3,198,728 for FY2024, and \$3,262,504 for FY2025] for the purpose of providing child support establishment and enforcement services in Washoe County on cases that do not involve state administered public assistance to one of the parents; furthermore request the Chair, Clerk, and District Attorney sign on behalf of the County."