



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 8, 2021

**DATE:** May 11, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's  
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**THROUGH:** Christopher Hicks, District Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a National Children's Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney's Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$75,000, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children's Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the cooperative agreement. (All commission districts)

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### SUMMARY

State chapters of the National Children's Alliance receive annual funding for their activities in support of Child Advocacy Centers within their state. The District Attorney's Office – home to the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center – is acting as the fiscal arm of the Nevada chapter (Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada). As such, the Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept the grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

This grant approval request is retroactive due to documentation delays and meeting availability.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 16, 2020, the Board accepted a National Children's Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney's Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$64,000, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children's Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The State of Nevada contains four children's advocacy centers that have been committed to the formation of a Nevada State Chapter, the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada. Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada, the Nevada Chapter, was accredited with the National Children's Alliance in October 2017. Of the four centers, two (Washoe County Children's Advocacy Center and Southern Nevada Children's Advocacy Center) are accredited centers and two (Nye County Children's Advocacy Center and Great Basin Children's Advocacy Center) are associate members moving toward accreditation. The Washoe County District Attorney's Office serves as the fiscal for the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada (CACNV), the State of Nevada Chapter.

The Washoe County Child Advocacy Center benefits from the CACNV goals:

1. Establish and maintain CAC accreditation throughout the state.
2. Support and enhance existing CAC programs.
3. Assist CAC establish and improve their Multi-Disciplinary Teams.
4. Provide outreach, education, and support throughout Nevada.
5. Maintain and grow funding for CACs in Nevada.

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## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada Chapter Grant

**Scope of the Project:** Chapter administration expenses and support of Nevada Child Advocacy Centers

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Provide guidance and fiscal assistance to the Child Advocacy Center.

**On-Going Program Support:** We are acting as the fiscal agent of the Nevada Chapter. The County will not be responsible for additional or ongoing funding for this project. If the grant funding ends, so will the Chapter.

**Award Amount:** \$75,000

**Grant Period:** January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

**Funding Source:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Pass Through Entity:** National Children's Alliance

**CFDA Number:** 16.758

**Grant ID Number:** RENO-NV-4QIC21

**Match Amount and Type:** no match required for this grant

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** Purchasing will follow 2 CFR 200 and Washoe County Grant procurement guidelines. Ensure that you complete a competitive process for the purchase of equipment, per WC Grant procurement guidelines.

We will contract with existing Coordinator of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada (Lisa Ruggerio).

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY2021 District Attorney adopted budget will be increased by \$75,000 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IO-11837 2021 NCA	431100-Federal Grants	\$75,000.00
IO-11837 2021 NCA	710100-Professional Services	54,000
IO-11837 2021 NCA	710350-Office Supplies	1,000
IO-11837 2021 NCA	710509-Seminars and Meetings	9,000
IO-11837 2021 NCA	710529-Dues	6,000
IO-11837 2021 NCA	711210-Travel	5,000
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a National Children’s Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney’s Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$75,000, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children’s Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the cooperative agreement.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “move to accept a National Children’s Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney’s Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$75,000, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children’s Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the cooperative agreement.”