



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021

DATE: July 1, 2021

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 Amendment #1 to the subgrant award for Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services that increases the award amount by [\$100,000; \$33,333 county match] for Adoption Promotion & Support services and extends the grant period, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant amendment; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Agency recommends the acceptance of Amendment #1 to the subgrant award for Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 in the service category of Adoption Promotion & Support. The amendment increases the award amount from \$63,102 to \$163,102, increases the match requirement from \$21,034 to \$54,367, and extends the grant end date from June 30, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Funds from this amendment will support pre and post adoptive services, including home study assessments and social summaries, as well as an advertising campaign and promotional media to promote and recruit foster and adoptive families.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.F.5, Department's request to approve a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$63,102; \$21,034 county match] for Adoption Promotion services, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

On September 24, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #18, the Department's request to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State

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of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$14,664; county match \$4,881.34] for Family Support, [\$39,938; county match \$13,312.66] for Family Preservation, [\$55,025; county match \$18,341.67] for Family Reunification, and [\$167,603; county match \$55,867.66] for Adoption Promotion and Support, retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On September 12, 2018, the Board of County of Commissioners approved item #6.K.5, the Department's request to accept \$58,000 (\$19,333 match) in Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactive to July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program is as follows:

- Promote flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families, by protecting and promoting the welfare of all children;
- Prevent the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children;
- Support at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner;
- Promote the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and
- Provide training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.

Retroactive approval is requested as Amendment #1 was received May 28, 2021 with a grant period start date of July 1, 2020.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

Scope of the Project: Adoption Support Services

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program benefits Washoe County families by providing pre and post adoptive services designed to expedite the adoption process and support foster and adoptive families, including home study assessments and social summaries for children awaiting adoption. The program will also fund an advertising campaign and supporting media to promote and recruit foster and adoptive families.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$63,102 Original Award (\$63,102 Direct/\$0 Indirect)
\$100,000 Amended Increase (\$100,000 Direct/\$0 Indirect)
\$163,102 Revised Award (\$163,102 Direct/\$0 Indirect)

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

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Child & Family Services

CFDA Number: 93.556

Grant ID Number: 93556-20-045

Match Amount and Type: \$21,034 Original Match
\$33,333 Amended Match
\$54,367 Revised Match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Human Services Agency may contract for a foster and adoptive family advertising campaign following 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 grant award and approve these amendments, the Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY21 adopted budget will be increased by \$100,000 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11726	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 100,000.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 100,000.00
IO 11726	-710100	Professional Services	\$ 46,450.00
	-710509	Seminars Meetings	\$ 3,550.00
	-710546	Advertising	\$ 50,000.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 100,000.00

The match for this award is included in the FY21 budget and will be tracked in IO 60619.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept Amendment #1 to the subgrant award for Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services that increases the award amount by [\$100,000; \$33,333 county match] for Adoption Promotion & Support services and extends the grant period, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant amendment; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept Amendment #1 to the subgrant award for Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services that increases the award amount by [\$100,000; \$33,333 county match] for Adoption Promotion & Support services and extends the grant period, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant amendment; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."