



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021

**DATE:** July 1, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a FY22 sub-grant award amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$39,995; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

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### SUMMARY

The Agency is requesting that the Board accept a FY22 sub-grant award amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$39,995; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator. Activities include the coordination of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs in Washoe County with state, county, and community organizations, planning and evaluation of community behavioral health programs, and providing leadership on mental health issues.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 9, 2021 the Board approved item #6.E.2, the Department's request to accept a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$135,212 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

On October 13, 2020 the Board approved item #5.F.1., the Department's request to accept a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral

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Health in the amount of \$42,111.73 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

On July 9, 2019 the Board approved item #8, the Department's request to accept a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada DPBH in the amount of \$165,650.24 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

On October 10, 2017 the Board accepted a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$325,215.00 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019.

On September 27, 2016 the Board accepted a sub-grant amendment from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for an additional nine (9) months of funding in the amount of \$112,500.

The Board has accepted two previous sub-grants from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for the same purpose in FY14-15 and FY15-16 and previously authorized the creation of 1.0 FTE, fully benefitted, full-time Behavioral Health Program Coordinator.

## **BACKGROUND**

Historically, Nevada's mental health services have not been well coordinated, creating a situation where the largest mental health provider is typically the local jail. The intent of this position is to bring coordination to the local level in partnership with the state, allowing Washoe County to identify key issues and coordinate resources.

Funding for this sub-grant award is through the Mental Health Block Grant, Substance Abuse Disorder Block Grant, and State Opioid Response Grant. The objective of the Mental Health Block Grant is to support grantees in carrying out plans for providing comprehensive community mental health services. The Substance Abuse Disorder Block Grant provides funding to prevent and treat substance use. Finally, the goal of the State Opioid Response Grant is to expand access to overdose prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

The staff position supported by this funding assists with carrying out the state's plan for providing comprehensive community health services to adults with a serious mental health illness and to children with serious emotional disturbance. Additional responsibilities include monitoring the progress of implementing comprehensive community-based mental health system, providing, and assisting the State in planning and implementing a comprehensive community-based mental health system.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this sub-grant amendment on June 21, 2021 with an effective date of October 1, 2020; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Behavioral Health, Prevention and Treatment  
Coordination of Behavioral Health in Washoe County

**Scope of the Project:** To support a Behavioral Health Program Coordinator who will direct, coordinate, and maximize the integration and cooperation of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs with state, county, and local community organizations within Washoe County.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Enhanced safety and well-being of Washoe County residents through the development and implementation of long-range plans pertaining to the expansion of funding and more effective provision of behavioral health services.

**On-Going Program Support:** WCHSA will seek ongoing support through this funding source. If funding is reduced or eliminated, WCHSA would seek alternate funding sources or reduce or eliminate this program.

**Award Amount:** \$39,995  
**Total Award Amount:** \$175,207 (\$164,623 direct/\$10,584 indirect)

**Grant Period:** October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

**Funding Source:** Block Grants for Community Mental Health (25%)  
Substance Abuse Disorder Block Grant (30.5%)  
State Opioid Response Grant (44.5%)

**Pass Through Entity:** Nevada Department of Health & Human Services  
Division of Public and Behavioral Health

**CFDA Number:** 93.958, 93.959, 93.788

**Grant ID Number:** SG25006

**Match Amount and Type:** N/A

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** N/A

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, there is no additional FY22 impact as this award was anticipated and included in the Human Services Agency, Indigent Fund (F221) adopted budget in IO11808.

Indirect costs in the amount of \$10,584 are included in the grant budget. No amendment is necessary for the indirect revenue. The grant has no county match requirement.

As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions abolished accordingly, unless additional funding is secured.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a FY22 sub-grant award amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$39,995; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; 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 a FY22 sub-grant award amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$39,995; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."