



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021

**DATE:** Thursday, July 15, 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 a Grant Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$326,250; no county match] retroactively from June 30, 2021 to June 29, 2022 in support of children in foster care; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

The receipt of grant awards requires acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners. The Agency is requesting the Board accept a Grant Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and The William N. Pennington Foundation to support children in foster care for the period of June 30, 2021 to June 29, 2022 in the amount of [\$326,250; no county match] to provide approximately 725 Washoe County foster children with clothes, school supplies/activity support, diapers, hygiene items, educational toys and Christmas presents at roughly \$450 per child.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure & Health Communities

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 31, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners accepted agenda item #8 to accept a Grant Agreement between Washoe County and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$371,250] retroactively from January 17, 2020 in support of children in foster care for calendar year 2020.

On March 31, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners accepted agenda item #9 to accept a Grant Agreement between Washoe County and the William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$198,600] retroactively from January 17, 2020 to support the installation of a playground on the Our Place Campus.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

## **BACKGROUND**

The William N. Pennington Foundation was founded in 1989 with a focus on supporting education, community services, health care, and medical research primarily in the State of Nevada, with an emphasis on Reno and Northern Nevada. The Foundation supports organizations that help people and families persevere through difficult times and is known for providing funding to support clothing and educational needs for disadvantaged citizens.

The Agency received the notice of award for this grant agreement on July 7, 2021 with an effective date of June 30, 2021; therefore, the request to accept this grant agreement is retroactive.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Pennington Foundation – Foster Children Support

**Scope of the Project:** Funding has been provided for approximately 725 foster children in Northern Nevada to be provided with support.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** This funding will provide significant support to the foster children in HSA's care by assisting the Agency with supplying clothing, school supplies/activity support, diapers, hygiene items, educational toys and Christmas presents as needed by each child in the amount of roughly \$450 per child.

**On-Going Program Support:** This grant will help HSA in supporting the needs of foster children and assist in providing normalcy activities to support their wellbeing and transition through foster care. These are costs that present regardless of this funding source and continue to be a year-to-year need addressed by HSA.

**Award Amount:** \$326,250

**Grant Period:** June 30, 2021 to June 29, 2022

**Funding Source:** William N. Pennington Foundation

**Pass Through Entity:** N/A

**CFDA Number:** N/A

**Grant ID Number:** N/A

**Match Amount and Type:** No match required

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY22 Human Services Agency’s Child Protective Services Fund (F228) adopted budget will be increased by \$326,250 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 29025	-484195	Non-Govt'l Grants	\$ 326,250.00
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 326,250.00</b>
IO 29025	-710712	Family Preservation	\$ 326,250.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 326,250.00</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Grant Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$326,250; no county match] retroactively from June 30, 2021 to June 29, 2022 in support of children in foster care; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the agreement; 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 Grant Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$326,250; no county match] retroactively from June 30, 2021 to June 29, 2022 in support of children in foster care; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the agreement; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”