



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 14, 2021

**DATE:** August 23, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a FY22 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$254,953; \$63,738 county match], retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system with achieving greater independence, to improve educational outcomes for children in foster care, and to support an active and involved youth advisory board in Washoe County; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### **SUMMARY**

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards. The Agency recommends the acceptance of a FY22 Chafee Program subgrant award from DCFS in the amount of [\$254,953; \$63,738 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system with achieving greater independence.

The Chafee Program is designed to provide flexible funding to assist youth that are likely to remain in foster care until age 18 and provide them with services aimed at helping them make the transition from foster care to independent living.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On June 22, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #15, the Agency's request to accept a FY21 PL116 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child

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and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of \$658,600 (no county match) retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022.

On September 8, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8, the Agency's request to accept the FY21 Chafee Program sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of \$236,810 (\$59,203 county match) retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

On August 27, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #17, the Department's request to accept \$217,119 (\$54,280 county match) in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On November 27, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #9, the Department's request to accept \$184,050 (\$46,013 county match) in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

On August 8, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #23, the Department's request to accept \$225,000 in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On September 13, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8, the Department's request to accept \$250,000 in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

On March 22, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6A, the Department's request to accept an additional \$25,000 in federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactively for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The Board has accepted an additional \$951,192 in Chafee program awards on behalf of the Human Services Agency since 2013. Washoe County has received funding from the Chafee program since 2003.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Human Services Agency has been responsible for child welfare in Washoe County for over 35 years. Children's Services currently provides the full continuum of care to victims of child abuse including child protective services, foster care and adoption, licensing, congregate care, Independent Living and clinical case management. Washoe County has received funds from the Chafee program since 2013 to support activities for youth aging out of the foster program. For FY22, funds from this grant award will be used to support case management for youth aging out of the foster care system, to provide

educational advocacy and tutoring to improve educational outcomes for youth in foster care, and to support an active and involved youth advisory board in Washoe County.

The Agency received the Notice of Subaward for this subgrant on July 23, 2021 with an effective date of July 1, 2021; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

**GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** FY22 Chafee

**Scope of the Project:** To assist youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** This program provides support services to youth in the foster care system during their transition to adulthood and living independently.

**On-Going Program Support:** The Agency has received funding to operate the Independent Living program from the Chafee program since 2003.

**Award Amount:** \$254,953 (**\$241,135 direct/\$13,818 indirect**)

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

**Funding Source:** Department of Health and Human Service  
Administration for Children & Families

**Pass Through Entity:** State of Nevada, DHHS  
Division of Child and Family Services

**CFDA Number:** 93.674

**Grant ID Number:** 93674-21-003

**Match Amount and Type:** \$63,738 (The FAFFY grant is used as match.)

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The Agency will follow the County and federal grant procurement guidelines for any subawards and contracts.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This award was anticipated and \$155,060.93 of budget authority was included in the FY22 Child Protective Services Fund (228) adopted budget in IO 11737, and will be moved to IO 11876. Should the Board accept this grant award, the FY22 adopted budget will be increased by \$86,074.07 in both revenue and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11876	- 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 86,074.07

		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>86,074.07</b>
IO 11876	- 701412	Salary Adjustment	\$	37,069.76
	- 705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$	19,004.31
	- 710100	Professional Services	\$	30,000.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>86,074.07</b>

Indirect costs in the amount of \$13,818 are included in the grant budget. This award requires a cash match of \$63,738, the expenditures to meet the match requirement will be posted to IO 11877 as FAFFY expenditures are allowable match and there is sufficient budget authority.

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 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$254,953; \$63,738 county match], retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system with achieving greater independence, to improve educational outcomes for children in foster care, and to support an active and involved youth advisory board in Washoe County; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award; 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 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$254,953; \$63,738 county match], retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system with achieving greater independence, to improve educational outcomes for children in foster care, and to support an active and involved youth advisory board in Washoe County; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments."