



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 Fund to Assist Former Foster Youth (FAFFY 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 [\$200,000; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to provide case management and related services to youth aging out of foster care; to provide non-county employee travel for youth travel to support permanent connections, normalcy activities, attaining a permanent living situation and other travel needs; 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)

SUMMARY

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards. The Agency would like to recommend the acceptance of the FY22 FAFFY program subgrant award from DCFS in the amount of [\$200,000; no county match] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to provide case management and related service delivery to youth aging out of foster care.

Nevada provides financial assistance to former foster youth through the passage of Assembly Bill 94, also known as the Financial Assistance to Former Foster Youth Program (FAFFY program). The purpose of the FAFFY program is to assist former foster youth in Nevada ages 18 to 21 in attaining economic self-sufficiency. Youth who are 17.5 years of age and will be leaving foster care at age 18 are also eligible for services to assist with transitioning into adulthood upon leaving foster care.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On September 8, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7, the Agency's request to accept \$190,000 in FAFFY fund from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

On August 27, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #18, the Department's request to accept \$200,000 in FAFFY funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

On November 13, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #21, the Department's request to accept \$185,000 in FAFFY funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

On August 8, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #24 the Department's request to accept \$250,000 in FAFFY funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On August 23, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #11 the Department's request to accept \$250,000 in FAFFY funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The Board has accepted an additional \$1,202,700 in FAFFY Grant Program awards on behalf of the Human Services Agency since 2010.

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill 94, passed by the 2001 Legislature, authorized County Recorders to charge an additional fee to assist persons making the transition from foster care to independent living. These funds are forwarded to the State Division of Child and Family Services to grant to child welfare agencies. The local child welfare agency must disburse the funds on behalf of qualifying persons, based on need, to obtain goods and services, including job training, housing assistance, medical insurance and those items that will assist the youth in successfully transitioning to self-sufficiency. The Agency can provide the good and services directly or through a contract with a non-profit community organization. Previously, the Agency had a contract with the Children's Cabinet to assist in the coordination and disbursement of services. This contract ended September 30, 2018. As of October 1, 2019, the Human Services Agency has managed these services within the Agency.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this sub-grant 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: Washoe County Human Services Agency Independent Living Program

Scope of the Project: To provide financial, housing, counseling, employment, education, and other appropriate support to former foster youth to assist them in making as successful transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program is a complement to the youth's efforts to achieve self-sufficiency and provides them with the tools to become contributing citizens of Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: The Agency has received funding to operate the Independent Living program from the FAFFY program since 2010.

Award Amount: \$200,000 (198,676 direct/\$1,324 indirect)

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

Funding Source: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Child and Family Services

Pass Through Entity: n/a

CFDA Number: n/a

Grant ID Number: 325011-22-003

Match Amount and Type: none

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award the FY22 Human Services Agency, Child Protective Services (F228) adopted budget will be increased by \$198,676 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11877 - 432100	State Grants	\$ 198,676.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 198,676.00
IO 11877 - 701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 13,237.00
- 705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 6,708.00
- 710100	Professional Services	\$ 30,000.00
- 710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 139,731.00
- 711213	Travel non-County	\$ 9,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 198,676.00

Indirect costs in the amount of \$1,324 are included in the grant budget. No amendment is necessary for the indirect revenue. This grant does not require a match.

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 Fund to Assist Former Foster Youth (FAFFY 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 [\$200,000; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to provide case management and related services to youth aging out of foster care; to provide non-county employee travel for youth travel to support permanent connections, normalcy activities, attaining a permanent living situation and other travel needs; 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 Fund to Assist Former Foster Youth (FAFFY 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 [\$200,000; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to provide case management and related services to youth aging out of foster care; to provide non-county employee travel for youth travel to support permanent connections, normalcy activities, attaining a permanent living situation and other travel needs; 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."