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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *April 12, 2022*

DATE: Thursday, April 07, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept Subaward Amendment #1 for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to increase the award amount to [\$2,979,394.00; no county match] and extend the award period retroactively from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency is requesting the Board accept Subaward Amendment #1 for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to increase the award amount to [\$2,979,394.00; no county match] and extend the award period retroactively from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 13, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #14, the Department's request to accept a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,587,817; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive for the period of April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022.

On May 21, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #12, the Department's request to approve a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Emergency Assistance Program Subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,400,000.87; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive February 1, 2019, through January 31, 2020.

BACKGROUND

The Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) is a Federal Block Grant that replaced the Title IV-A Emergency Assistance Program. From 1994 through 2003, Washoe County received approximately \$1,800,000 in grant funds per year of TANF funding from the State Welfare Division (DWSS) of the Children's Division. These funds were paid to support services provided to children who were at risk of child abuse and neglect.

At the conclusion of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 the State elected to retain TANF funding at the State level rather than pass the funds down to the Counties and allowed the Intrastate Interlocal Agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and Washoe County to expire. The loss of TANF funding required Washoe County to use Child Welfare non-federal funds to continue services allowable and previously funded under the TANF sub-award.

In fiscal year 18/19 the State began conversations with the counties to re-instate TANF funds that were previously withdrawn. As a result of those conversations, the funds were re-instated that year, providing TANF funding for allowable Emergency Assistance services such as Child Welfare intake staff and emergency shelter assistance to TANF eligible families.

The subaward approved by the Board in April 2021 was the second award provided to Washoe County since it's re-instatement. That award provided funding for personnel as well as an emergency shelter/emergency short-term placement program through contracts with 3 Angels Care and Call to Compassion. This pilot program was successful in meeting these emergency needs. Since the award was approved, HSA has seen an increase in youth who are eligible for these services utilizing funding from Title IV-E and/or through Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) funding. Thus, under this amendment, we have not included funding for these contracts as other sources are available.

Additionally, this Subaward Amendment contains a substantial increase in personnel expenditures. These funds will support existing positions, and per TANF regulations, this is not considered supplanting for this award.

Lastly, this Amendment reflects a different "Current Budget" from what the Board approved in April 2021 by a difference of \$474. Following Board approval, DWSS reduced the Equipment category in this amount as a result of an adjusted cell phone expense that was not reflected in the original budget. On this Amendment, the \$474 was added back into the budget under the Contractual category so that the Agency would receive the entirety of the funds initially allocated.

The Agency received Subaward Amendment #1 for this grant on March 17, 2022; thus, retroactive approval is requested. Additionally, due to the timing of the receipt of the Subaward Amendment, the award would have concluded on its original expiration date of March 31, 2022, before having the opportunity for Board approval. Thus, retroactive authorization by the Director of the Human Services Agency is also requested.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Eligibility and Payments, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Scope of the Project: Community partnership for the implementation of the TANF Emergency Assistance Program in Washoe County

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Funds will be utilized to reduce barriers to preventing removal of children from their families and reunification of families by making accessible a broad array of preventative support services in a community-based setting. Supportive services such as eligibility determination, behavioral health, day care, transportation, and job placement assistance, that are key components to reducing the number of children that must be placed outside their homes, are examples of the allowable services under TANF funding.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount:	\$1,587,343.00	Original Award (no indirect)
	<u>\$1,392,051.00</u>	Amended Increase (no indirect)
	\$2,979,394.00	Revised Award (no indirect)

Grant Period: April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children & Families

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

CFDA Number: 93.558 – TANF Block Grant

Grant ID Number: TANF2102

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Through Request for Proposal #3130-20, Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality was awarded a contract as the Facility Operator – Our Place Women and Family Shelter. Any additional contract for professional services under this award will follow 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 FY22 Human Services Agency's Child Protective Services Fund (F228), adopted budget will be increased by \$1,391,577.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11823	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 1,391,577.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 1,391,577.00
IO 11823	-701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 1,107,083.24
	-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 351,499.53
	-710100	Professional Services	\$ 592,005.00
	-710701	Emergency Shelter Care	\$ (491,541.57)
	-710871	Placement	\$ (171,552.20)
	-711504	Equipment Non-Capital	\$ 4,083.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 1,391,577.00

Indirect costs are not included in this award. The Agency attempted to recover indirect costs; however, the State's approval process for this grant is lengthy and would have caused a significant delay in receiving the Amendment, which would not be a practical outcome.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept Subaward Amendment #1 for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to increase the award amount to [\$2,979,394.00; no county match] and extend the award period retroactively from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant 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 Subaward Amendment #1 for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to increase the award amount to [\$2,979,394.00; no county match] and extend the award period retroactively from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments."