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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *April 12, 2022*

DATE: April 7, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Supplemental grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$75,000.00; no county match] for Family Reunification services, retroactive to February 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The overall goals of Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program are to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families, improve the quality of care and services to children and their families, and ensure permanency for children by reuniting them with their parents, by adoption or by another permanent living arrangement.

Funds under PSSF are separated into four service categories. We recommend to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Supplemental grant award in the service category of Family Reunification in the amount of [\$75,000.00; no county match]. Funds are awarded from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from February 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022. Funds will support the safe and successful reunification of children with their parents, or another permanent living arrangement.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6.H.3, the Department's request to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the state of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$55,290; \$18,430 county match] for Family Reunification services, retroactive to July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On August 31, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.G.4, the Department's request to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$31,397; \$10,466 county match] for Family Reunification services, retroactive to July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

On September 24, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #18, the Department's request to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$14,664; county match \$4,881.34] for Family Support, [\$39,938; county match \$13,312.66] for Family Preservation, [\$55,025; county match \$18,341.67] for Family Reunification, and [\$167,603; county match \$55,867.66] for Adoption Promotion and Support, retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On September 12, 2018, the Board of County of Commissioners approved item #6.K.5, the Department's request to accept \$58,000 (\$19,333 match) in Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactive to July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program is as follows:

- Promote flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families, by protecting and promoting the welfare of all children;
- Prevent the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children;
- Support at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner;
- Promote the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and
- Provide training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.

In accordance with this purpose, this award under the Family Reunification category will support the reunification of families with services including, but not limited to: mental health services for parents; activities/camps for children in care; and direct services to children and families such as housing/utility assistance, nutrition, transportation, and safety related items.

Retroactive approval is requested as the notice of subaward (NOSA) was received March 11, 2022, with a grant period start date of February 1, 2022.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

Scope of the Project: Family Reunification (Supplemental Funding)

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Families where children have been removed will receive services and support to promote the safe and successful reunification of children with their parents, or another permanent living arrangement.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Grant Period: February 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022

Funding Source: Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, Division X of Public Law 116-260, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Child & Family Services

CFDA Number: 93.556

Grant ID Number: 93556-21-410

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Human Services Agency may contract with vendors to provide mental health counseling. Any contracts 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 accept these amendments, the Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY22 adopted budget will be increased by \$75,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11983	-431100 Federal Grants	\$ 75,000.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 75,000.00
IO 11983	-710100 Professional Services	\$ 24,000.00
	-710712 Family Preservation	\$ 5,000.00
	-710729 Mental Health Assess	\$ 46,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 75,000.00

This award does not require matching funds. Indirect costs are not included in this award.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Supplemental grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$75,000.00; no county match] for Family Reunification services, retroactive to February 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-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 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Supplemental grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$75,000.00; no county match] for Family Reunification services, retroactive to February 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."