



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025

DATE: Thursday, August 14, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a grant from the Nevada Public Health Foundation in the amount of [\$25,000.00; no county match required] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 to support scholarships for social work practicum students at the Human Services Agency; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency requests that the Board accept a grant from the Nevada Public Health Foundation in the amount of [\$25,000.00; no county match required] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 to support scholarships for social work practicum students at the Human Services Agency; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1996, the Nevada Public Health Foundation, Inc. (NPHF) is a Nevada-based nonprofit organization committed to promoting health and well-being across communities through collaboration and sustainable solutions. In alignment with its mission and in response to a critical moment in public health, the Board of Directors and staff of the NPHF have recommended this contribution to support initiatives aimed at improving community and population health outcomes across Nevada.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

This support will focus on strengthening the social work workforce through educational assistance in the form of scholarships for social work students who engage in practicums with Washoe County's Human Services Agency (WCHSA). Eligible students must be enrolled in an accredited social work program, be a practicum student at WCHSA, not recipient of other scholarship or stipend programs, successfully complete all practicum hours and course work for each semester, and demonstrate a clear intention to enter the social work workforce in Nevada upon completion of their degree.

Retroactive approval is requested as the award notice was received June 18, 2025 and the earliest opportunity to be included on a BCC agenda was after the July 1, 2025 award date.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Human Services Agency
Scholarships for Social Work Practicum Students

Scope of the Project: Funds will provide scholarships for students enrolled in an accredited social work program and who are engaged in practicums with WCHSA

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program will support students who intend to enter the social work workforce in Nevada, which will directly benefit residents in need of such services.

On-Going Program Support: On-going program support is not necessary as scholarships will conclude once the funds are exhausted

Award Amount: \$25,000.00 (\$25,000.00 direct/\$0 indirect)

Grant Period: July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027

Funding Source: Nevada Public Health Foundation

Pass Through Entity: N/A

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Child Protective Services Fund 228, adopted budget will be increased by \$25,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 29076	- 484400	Donation, Contri-Oper	\$ 25,000.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 25,000.00
IO 29076	- 710500	Other Expense	\$ 25,000.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 25,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board accept a grant from the Nevada Public Health Foundation in the amount of [\$25,000.00; no county match required] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 to support scholarships for social work practicum students at the Human Services Agency; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance 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 from the Nevada Public Health Foundation in the amount of [\$25,000.00; no county match required] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 to support scholarships for social work practicum students at the Human Services Agency; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments."*