



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *January 13, 2026*

DATE: Thursday, January 08, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ryan Gustafson, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept an FFY26 Title XX subgrant award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of [\$165,951.00; no county match], including possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives, retroactive from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 to promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care; retroactively authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept an FFY26 Title XX subgrant award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of [\$165,951.00; no county match], including possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives, retroactive from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 to promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care; retroactively authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 14, 2025 the Board approved item #8.D.2., the Agency's request to accept a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services FY25 Title XX supplemental amendment and extension in the amount of \$165,952.00 with no county match retroactive from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

On October 22, 2024 the Board approved item #15, the Agency's request to accept a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services FY25 Title XX subgrant award in the amount of \$663,807.00 with no county match retroactive from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

On October 10, 2023, the Board approved item #7.C.9., the Agency's request to accept a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services FY24 Title XX subgrant award in the amount of \$663,807.00 with no county match retroactive from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

On September 23, 2022, the Board approved item #18, the Agency's request to accept a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services FY23 Title XX subgrant award in the amount of \$663,807.00 with no county match retroactive from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

On September 14, 2021, the Board approved item #14, the Agency's request to accept a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services FY22 Title XX subgrant award in the amount of \$663,807.00 with no county match retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

On November 10, 2020, the Board approved item #16, the Agency's request to accept a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Service FY21 Title XX subgrant award in the amount of \$663,807.00 with no county match retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND

Title XX of the Social Security Act provides funding to states to provide locally relevant social services through the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). States are allocated funding through a formula-based entitlement and have substantial discretion in the use of SSBG funds. Each State determines what services are provided, who is eligible to receive them, and how funds are used. The State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services allocates these funds to state and non-state programs providing social services in urban and rural communities statewide. Through the SSBG, States provide essential social services that help achieve a myriad of goals to reduce dependency and promote self-sufficiency; prevent and protect children and adults from neglect, abuse and exploitation; and help individuals who are unable to take care of themselves to stay in their homes or to find the best institutional arrangements.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this grant on November 18, 2025 with an effective date of October 1, 2025; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: FFY26 Title XX

Scope of the Project: To provide shelter services to prevent the removal of children from their families; provide professional development and training opportunities to HSA staff and foster parents and provide direct supportive services to families involved with the Human Services Agency.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: To promote reunification and permanency, health and safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care.

On-Going Program Support: Social Services Block Grant Title XX funds were included as a part of the funding for the Block Grant awarded to agencies which provide child welfare services in the 2011 Legislative session, as outlined in NRS 432B.2185.

Award Amount: \$165,951.00 (**\$165,951.00 direct/\$0 indirect**)

Grant Period: October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026

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

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 93.667

Grant ID Number: DO 1707

Match Amount and Type: N/A

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Human Services Agency's adopted budget for Children's Services Fund 228 will be increased by \$165,951.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

| <u>Account Number</u> | | <u>Description</u> | Amount of Increase/(Decrease) |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| IO 12617 | -431100 | Federal Grants | \$ 165,951.00 |
| | | Total Revenue | \$ 165,951.00 |
| IO 12617 | -710509 | Seminars and Meetings | \$ 25,000.00 |
| | -710701 | Emergency Shelter Care | \$ 49,637.00 |
| | -710709 | Therapeutic Foster Care | \$ 37,887.00 |
| | -710729 | Mental Health Assess | \$ 10,000.00 |
| | -710734 | Residential Assistance | \$ 8,750.00 |
| | -710871 | Placement | \$ 34,677.00 |
| | | Total Expenditure | \$ 165,951.00 |

This grant does not require a match and there are no indirect costs as no salary or wages included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept an FFY26 Title XX subgrant award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of [\$165,951.00; no county match], including possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives, retroactive from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 to promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care; retroactively authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant award 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 an FFY26 Title XX subgrant award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of [\$165,951.00; no county match], including possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives, retroactive from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 to promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care; retroactively authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”*