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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 22, 2025

DATE: March 19, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's Office, 325-6710 vjakubowski@da.washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Christopher J. Hicks, District Attorney

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible approval of an interlocal agreement between (1) Washoe County on behalf of the District Attorney's Office and (2) the State of Nevada on behalf of its Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. The agreement is for the District Attorney's Office to administer a program for the establishment and enforcement of child support and paternity orders and related matters pursuant to NRS 425.375 and related provisions. The agreement would be effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, and the program costs are expected to amount to approximately \$20,779,502.00 (FY 26 \$5,042,042, FY 27 \$5,142,587, FY 28 \$5,245,133, FY 29 \$5,349,730). The contract also provides for 2/3 reimbursement of that \$20,779,502.00 by the state to the county pursuant to federal laws and regulations including Medicare Part IV-D. The current agreement with the state expires on June 30, 2025. Furthermore, request the Chair, Clerk, and District Attorney sign on behalf of the County. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.**

SUMMARY

This contract is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration in accordance with the County Code to approve and sign agreements. This contract with State of Nevada provides ongoing funding of Child Support Enforcement program and is similar to agreements approved over the past several years.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations and Economic Impacts

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 13, 2021 the BCC approved the Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada acting by and through the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and Washoe County through the District Attorney, Child Support Division for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, in the

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amount of up to \$12,672,336 [\$3,074,902 for FY2022, \$3,136,202 for FY2023, \$3,198,728 for FY2024, and \$3,262,504 for FY2025] for the purpose of providing child support establishment and enforcement services in Washoe County on cases that do not involve state administered public assistance to one of the parents; furthermore request the Chair, Clerk, and District Attorney sign on behalf of the County.

Other similar agreements between the State of Nevada and Washoe County have been approved in 2016, 2015, 2012, 2008, and beyond.

BACKGROUND

The United States Department of Health and Human Services provides funding to states in support their child support enforcement initiatives. In turn, these states establish sub-grant agreements with local governments to distribute the federal funds and conduct the day-to-day operations of child support enforcement. With the proposed contract, The State of Nevada ensures compliance with federal program requirements regarding the use of these grants, track the effectiveness of local programs, and collect the necessary data to facilitate a coordinated national effort across different states.

As outlined in the proposed contract with the state, the District Attorney's Office is tasked with ensuring compliance with these mandates. This involves creating orders for child support payments, enforcing those orders, collecting the payments, and distributing them to custodial parents and guardians. Furthermore, the District Attorney must collaborate in auditing and developing programs aimed at enhancing local, state, and national initiatives.

This national program incorporates reimbursement strategies and incentives, as well as penalties for failing to comply. Through the incentive program, the child support enforcement initiative can secure funding to invest in equipment and undertake capital improvements that enhance the program. The incentive funds are distributed in later years, based on how well the program performed in the past.

FISCAL IMPACT

Washoe County is reimbursed by the State for 66% of the operational costs of child support enforcement activities carried out by the District Attorney's Office (Internal Order 10001). The remaining 34% is funding by the County General Fund in Cost Center 106300.

The total budget for this four-year contract is set at \$20,779,502.

The breakdowns per year as follows:

Fiscal Year	Total Budget	County 34% CC 106300	State 66% IO 10001
2025-2026	\$ 5,042,052	\$ 1,714,298	\$ 3,327,754
2026-2027	\$ 5,142,587	\$ 1,748,480	\$ 3,394,108
2027-2028	\$ 5,245,133	\$ 1,783,345	\$ 3,461,788
2028-2029	\$ 5,349,730	\$ 1,818,908	\$ 3,530,822
Total Contract	\$ 20,779,502	\$ 7,065,031	\$ 13,714,472

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve an interlocal agreement between (1) Washoe County on behalf of the District Attorney's Office and (2) the State of Nevada on behalf of its Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. The agreement is for the District Attorney's Office to administer a program for the establishment and enforcement of child support and paternity orders and related matters pursuant to NRS 425.375 and related provisions. The agreement would be effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, and the program costs are expected to amount to approximately \$20,779,502.00 (FY 26 \$5,042,042, FY 27 \$5,142,587, FY 28 \$5,245,133, FY 29 \$5,349,730). The contract also provides for 2/3 reimbursement of that \$20,779,502.00 by the state to the county pursuant to federal laws and regulations including Medicare Part IV-D. The current agreement with the state expires on June 30, 2025. Furthermore, request the Chair, Clerk, and District Attorney sign on behalf of the County.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the Board agrees with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve an interlocal agreement between (1) Washoe County on behalf of the District Attorney's Office and (2) the State of Nevada on behalf of its Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. The agreement is for the District Attorney's Office to administer a program for the establishment and enforcement of child support and paternity orders and related matters pursuant to NRS 425.375 and related provisions. The agreement would be effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, and the program costs are expected to amount to approximately \$20,779,502.00 (FY 26 \$5,042,042, FY 27 \$5,142,587, FY 28 \$5,245,133, FY 29 \$5,349,730). The contract also provides for 2/3 reimbursement of that \$20,779,502.00 by the state to the county pursuant to federal laws and regulations including Medicare Part IV-D. The current agreement with the state expires on June 30, 2025. Furthermore, request the Chair, Clerk, and District Attorney sign on behalf of the County."