



# 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 a Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) FY26 sub-grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$29,900.00; no county match required], including the possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives, retroactive from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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### **SUMMARY**

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**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Vulnerable Populations

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On January 08, 2019 the Board approved item #8E1, the acceptance of the Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) sub-grant award in the amount of \$22,049 retroactive for the period of June 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

On April 24, 2018 the Board approved item #8D2, the acceptance of the Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) sub-grant award in the amount of \$2,000 for March 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

## **BACKGROUND**

The State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services receives Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants (CANS) awards as authorized under Title 1, Section 106 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). Funding under CANS is established to support and improve child protective services systems.

CANS has a variety of applications, and the intended use is determined on a state-by-state basis each award cycle. Eligible activities and services can apply to intake, assessment, screening, and investigating, and can support initiatives such as training and skill development, case management, and technology.

This grant award will support two projects. First, is the development of advanced skills through training that will benefit the assessment and investigation of child abuse and neglect reports and enhance collaboration through multi-disciplinary teams (MDT). Second, is to support and improve the capabilities of staff to efficiently, accurately, and timely document and manage work from the field.

The Agency received the Notice of Sub-Award for this grant on November 7, 2025 with an effective date of July 1, 2025; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

## **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Washoe County Human Services Agency  
Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) Grant

**Scope of the Project:** Provide specialized training for child protection workers and stakeholders with discipline specific and advanced training, and technology to improve the investigation and assessment of child abuse and neglect.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The benefits to residents will be quality trained staff with advanced skills and resources to address the needs of child victims.

**On-Going Program Support:** N/A

**Award Amount:** \$29,900.00 (\$29,900.00 direct/\$0 indirect)

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

**Funding Source:** Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families

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

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** 93.669

**Grant ID Number:** 93669-22-103

**Match Amount and Type:** N/A

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The Agency follows County and federal grant procurement guidelines for subawards and contracts.

**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 \$29,900.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12619	- 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 29,900.00
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 29,900.00</b>
IO 12619	- 710100	Professional Services	\$ 24,000.00
	- 711504	Equipment Noncapital	\$ 5,900.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 29,900.00</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to accept a Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) FY26 sub-grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$29,900.00; no county match required], including the possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives, retroactive from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to retroactively 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 Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) FY26 sub-grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$29,900.00; no county match required], including the possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives, retroactive from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments."*