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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *December 16, 2025*

DATE: Thursday, December 11, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Abbe Yacoben, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Recommendation, in accordance with NRS 244.1505 and NRS 433.742, to approve allocation of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement, in the total amount of [\$1,067,720], to Washoe County Human Services Agency Housing and Homeless Services Division Street Outreach project and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents.

And, if approved, direct Finance to make necessary net zero cross-fund and/or cross-functional budget appropriation transfers and budget amendments. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) through the One Nevada Agreement, provides grant awards for the purpose of abating and recovering from the opioid epidemic in accordance with the Opioid Litigation Settlement Documents Use of Funds, NRS 433.742, and NRS 244.1505.

In 2025, the Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund conducted the Washoe County Opioid Use Community Needs Assessment 2026-2029 and developed the WOARF Funding Plan which was approved on December 9th, 2025. The number one priority identified was to conduct targeted outreach to disconnected communities to connect people to existing resources, coordinate care, and provide navigation support throughout the continuum of care. Washoe County Human Services Agency Housing and Homeless Services Division (HHS) is uniquely positioned to coordinate outreach to disconnected and homeless populations and connect them to appropriate levels of care. The recommendation is to directly award HHS to develop contracts and coordinate the Street Outreach project. HHS will conduct a competitive Request for Proposals to determine the most qualified contractors for the Street Outreach project.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Staff recommends The Board of County Commissioners accept this proposed project, approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget, and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations, and Innovative Services

PREVIOUS ACTION

December 9, 2025 -The Board approved Washoe County Opioid Use Needs Assessment 2026–2029 (Needs Assessment) and the Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) Plan (Funding Plan) for 2026–2027. The Needs Assessment outlines the current strengths, gaps, and needs in the community related to opioid use. The WOARF Plan provides priority strategies based on the Needs Assessments, funding mechanisms, anticipated outcomes, and potential community impacts of funding these initiatives.

September 16, 2025 - The Board approved the de-obligation of previously approved allocations of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Funds (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement in the amount of [\$442,716] for the Northern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliance Building Communities of Support project that no longer needs the previously approved levels of funding and to approve allocation of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement, in the total amount of [\$442,716].

August 19, 2025 - The Board approved the Settlement State of Nevada and Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus in the opioid litigation in the amounts of \$8,787.01 (Alvogen); \$58,817.81 (Amneal); \$29,955.70 (Apotex); \$49,847.74 (Hikma); \$34,358.42 (Indivior); \$139,024.95 (Mylan); \$14,578.44 (Sun); and \$6,989.66 (Zydus).

August 19, 2025 - The Board approved the proposed settlement in the bankruptcy proceeding of Purdue Pharma/Sacklers individuals and execute the “Subdivision Participation and Release Form” pursuant to the One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries ("One Nevada Agreement") previously agreed upon for participation in settlements (entered into on July 27, 2021). Under the proposed settlement between Purdue Pharma/Sacklers and the State of Nevada, the State of Nevada is estimated to receive the gross amount of \$57,941,815.03. Pursuant to the One Nevada Agreement, Washoe County will receive an estimated net allocation of \$2,223,475.54.

September 10, 2024 - The Board approved allocation of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement, in the total amount of [\$4,009,786], to government entities or nonprofit organizations created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes; approve associated resolutions and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents, for six projects.

For all Board of County Commissioner actions related to the Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund visit the Washoe County [WOARF Website](#).

BACKGROUND

Washoe County collaborated with the State of Nevada and other jurisdictions across the State to litigate against pharmaceutical companies and other distributors of opioids that participated in the opioid epidemic. Through this partnership, under the [One Nevada Agreement](#), Washoe County will receive approximately \$41 million over the next 20 years to address the opioid epidemic through evidence-based, strategic initiatives in alignment with community needs and SB 390. The funds received are to be recognized as funds received from pharmaceutical organizations that have filed bankruptcy and those that have not filed bankruptcy and will be disbursed through the Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recover Fund (WOARF) managed by the Office of the County Manager, Community Reinvestment Division. As of December 9, 2025, when the Needs Assessment and Funding Plan were announced, Washoe County received \$10,403,122.09.

In 2025, Washoe County completed a Needs Assessment and Funding Plan to provide guidance to the County on the opioid abatement and recovery priorities for 2026-2027.

The initial 2026-2029 recommendations are:

- Conduct targeted outreach to disconnected communities to connect people to existing resources, coordinate care, and provide navigation support throughout the continuum of care.
- Expand housing services to support people with OUD across the continuum of use that include comprehensive wrap-around and tenancy supports.
- Evaluate the effectiveness and outcomes of existing programs and services for people who use substances.
- Provide mobile health care clinics that include comprehensive health and dental care for people who use or are at risk of using opioids.
- Create peer-led mental health supports to prevent burnout among peer workers, providers, and professionals working in the field.

The recommendations for continued funding based on the ongoing need are:

- Use a multidisciplinary approach to providing overdose prevention, outreach, and education, inclusive of under resourced communities.
- Implement child welfare best practices for supporting families impacted by substance use.

Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund

The Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund offers funding to eligible County departments and agencies, nonprofits, and businesses that provide services in Washoe County that are aligned with the County Needs Assessment and in accordance with Opioid Litigation Settlement Documents Use of Funds and NRS 433.742. The County requested proposals for projects or programs to help the community recover from and abate the opioid epidemic, aligned with the priorities of the County Needs Assessment and WOARF Funding Plan, and further the County's strategic goals.

Expenditure of public money - NRS 244.1505 provides that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a

substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and that the Board may make a grant of money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes, or other governmental entity, to be expended for a selected purpose.

WOARF GRANT AWARDS SUMMARY

Washoe County Human Services Agency - Housing and Homeless Services Division			
Project # WOARF26-0001	Street Outreach	\$1,067,720	Approval Recommended
Description:	This project aims to 1) conduct street outreach to unsheltered people in Washoe County who are opioid impacted or at risk of using opioids 2) build rapport, facilitate referrals to treatment and housing and 3) maintain support once clients are housed and/or engaged in treatment to ensure they stay housed. HHS will conduct a Request for Proposals to determine the contracted partner.		
Category:	Priority 1: Conduct targeted outreach to disconnected communities to connect people to existing resources, coordinate care, and provide navigation support throughout the continuum of care.		

FISCAL IMPACT

The total fiscal impact of this allocation is \$0

Should the Board approve the award of WOARF non-bankruptcy funds, FY26 budget will be adjusted with the following net-zero appropriation transfers:

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Increase/ (Decrease)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Health and Sanitation	CC 270910 – Opioid Pharmacy Non-bankruptcy	701500 – Other Expense	(\$1,067,720)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Health and Sanitation	CC 270910 – Opioid Pharmacy Non-bankruptcy	818000 – Intrafund Transfer	\$1,067,720
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Health and Sanitation	IO 20564	818000 – Intrafund Transfer	\$1,067,720
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Health and Sanitation	IO 20564	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$1,067,720

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to in accordance with NRS 244.1505 and NRS 433.742, to approve allocation of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement, in the total amount of [\$1,067,720], to Washoe County Human Services Agency Housing and Homeless Services Division Street Outreach project and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents.

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