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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025

DATE: July 2, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jason Walker, Lieutenant
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THROUGH: Sheriff Darin Balaam

SUBJECT: Recommendation to retroactively accept the Fourth Amendment and Assignment of the Grant Agreement in the amount of [\$2,210,234 (\$1,059,117 for FY26 and \$1,151,117 for FY27); no county match] from Nevada Clinical Services, Inc. and managed by the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health retroactive from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 to provide crisis and jail diversion services through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement; retroactively authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Nevada Clinical Services, Inc ("NCS") and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office ("Contractor") entered into a Grant agreement and Notice of Grant award effective July 1, 2021, also referenced as NCS Contract #206454, as assigned to Contractor on March 1, 2022, to provide mobile outreach safety services; and NCS and Contractor desire to renew the Grant for an additional two year term through June 30, 2027 under the same terms and conditions as during the initial two year term; in consideration of the contract term extension, the parties desire to revise the maximum compensation amount that may be paid for services provided under the Grant.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 17, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item TMP-6173 to accept transfer of MOST services from the Washoe County Human Services Agency to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Operations Division retroactive to March 1, 2022. This includes all previously issued grant purchased equipment, monies, positions, and infrastructure into the new grant award recipient WCSO.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On July 20, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #17, Washoe County Human Services Agency's request to accept a Subgrant Award for funds in the amount of [1,709,550 (\$854,775 per fiscal year); no county match required] from Nevada Clinical Services, Inc. and managed by the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

On December 10, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #14, the Agency's request to accept two awards from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health to support the Mobile Safety Team in providing crisis and jail diversion services in the amounts of \$1,709,550 and \$246,002 (a grant total of \$1,100,777 for FY20 and \$854,775 for FY21), retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND

The Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) sub-grant was developed in response to a recommendation from the Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council, established by former Governor Brian Sandoval in 2013. This recommendation called for the creation of locally operated intervention teams with the objective of working with law enforcement professionals in response to individuals with mental health conditions who are in crisis. This transition to local operation aims to increase coordination with the local law enforcement agencies and increase local support of the MOST Team.

In May of 2022 the subgrant was transferred from the management under the Human Services Agency to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

Prior to that, in March 2017, this subgrant initiated the transfer of the MOST Team operations for Washoe County to the Human Services Agency (HSA); prior to this period, the MOST Team was operated in entirety by the State of Nevada.

During his first State of the State Address on January 16, 2019, Governor Steve Sisolak called for an expansion of MOST Team operating hours, increasing access to 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This initiative was also included in the 2020-2021 Governor Recommended Budget. As a result, the Agency added two Mental Health Counselor II positions to accomplish this goal. The Agency's management staff continues to provide clinical supervision for the mental health professionals and coordinate policy and program priorities with local law enforcement agencies.

For this award, the State of Nevada will provide two years of funding in the amount of \$854,775 per year (\$1,709,550 in total), with no County match required, to Washoe County to support a MOST Team to implement the following:

- Provide intervention services in order to divert individuals from unnecessary admissions into the criminal justice system, emergency rooms, and inpatient psychiatric facilities, per policies and procedures
- Provide care coordination and outreach services to individuals experiencing behavioral health crises as identified through law enforcement/dispatch/referrals.

- Provide community outreach activities to inform potential partner referral agencies, behavioral health providers and social service providers about MOST and encourage collaboration between MOST and the partners.
- Provide MOST mental health counselors with training on evidence-based practices or best practices related to crisis intervention so counselors may most effectively provide services for the target population.

Retroactive approval is requested as the notice of grant award (NOSA) was received July 1, 2025.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team)*

Scope of the Project: *Crisis and jail diversion services will be provided through a MOST Team to individuals with a mental health condition who have who have contact with law enforcement.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Local implementation of the MOST Team has and will continue to provide more coordinated and efficient crisis and jail diversion services for Washoe County residents in crisis.*

On-Going Program Support: *The MOST Team was operated by the State Division of Public and Behavioral Health until March 2017 when the first Sub-Grant to shift implementation of the program to the local government level was issued to Washoe County. This award represents the second renewal at the local level. If the grant award is discontinued or not renewed, the program would be shifted back to the State.*

Award Amount: *\$ 2,210,234 (\$2,210,234 Direct/ \$0 Indirect)*

Grant Period: *July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027*

Funding Source: *Nevada Clinical Services, Inc.
Managed by the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health*

Pass through Entity: *N/A*

CFDA Number: *N/A*

Grant ID Number: *206454*

Match Amount and Type: *There is no required match.*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *There are no anticipated sub-awards or contracts associated with this grant award.*

FISCAL IMPACT

This award was anticipated and \$944,114.37 was included in the FY26 Sheriff's Office adopted budget in IO-11999. Should the board accept this agreement and approve these amendments, the FY26 adopted budget will be increased by \$115,002.63 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-11999	432100 - State Grants	\$115,002.63
IO-11999	701140 – Holiday Work	\$7,500.00
IO-11999	701300 – Overtime	\$3,000.00
IO-11999	701403 – Shift Differential	\$24,632.63
IO-11999	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$61,614.00
IO-11999	710509 – Seminars & Meetings	\$9,424.00
IO-11999	711210 – Travel	\$8,832.00

If the grant award is discontinued or not renewed, the program would be shifted back to the State. As this award funds personnel, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions abolished accordingly, unless funding is secured.

Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award. As required by Nevada Clinical Services grant program statutory authorization.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to retroactively accept the Fourth Amendment and Assignment of the Grant Agreement and in the amount of [\$2,210,234 (\$1,059,117 for FY26 and \$1,151,117 for FY27), no county match] from Nevada Clinical Services, Inc. and managed by the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health retroactive from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 to provide crisis and jail diversion services through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement; retroactively authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to retroactively accept the Fourth Amendment and Assignment of the Grant Agreement in the amount of [\$2,210,234 (\$1,059,117 for FY26 and \$1,151,117 for FY27), no county match] from Nevada Clinical Services, Inc. and managed by the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health retroactive from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 to provide crisis and jail diversion services through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement; retroactively authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."