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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *December 17, 2024*

DATE: Thursday, December 12, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation, in accordance with NRS 244.1505, to approve a subgrant of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement to Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE), a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious or educational purposes, in the amount of [\$856,520], retroactively for a term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026, to support the CrossRoads Families project, which was created to allow parents to reside with their children to engage in recovery together; approve related Resolution R24-113; and authorize the Purchasing & Contracts Manager to execute the necessary award documents. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Staff recommends the approval, in accordance with NRS 244.1505, of a subgrant of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement to Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE), a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious or educational purposes, in the amount of [\$856,520], retroactively for the term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026. This subaward will support the CrossRoads Families project, which was created to allow parents to reside with their children to engage in recovery together.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 10, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved, in accordance with NRS 244.1505 and NRS 433.742, the 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, for the following six projects awarded:

AGENDA ITEM # _____

- Human Services Agency – CrossRoads Families - WOARF24-00002 in the amount of [\$1,000,000] to provide therapeutic living community to families impacted by Opioid Use (OUD) to engage in recovery together.
- Northern Nevada HOPEs – Opioid Treatment Expansion Project - WOARF24-00007 in the amount of [\$984,002] and approve Resolution R24-186. Funding supports establishing a new opioid treatment program at the East 4th Street Clinic.
- Ridge House Inc – Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Outpatient Services - WOARF24-00006 in the amount of [\$300,000] and approve Resolution R24-187. Funding supports providing outpatient and aftercare service to uninsured and underinsured Washoe County Residents.
- Northern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliance – Building Communities of Support – WOARF24-00001 in the amount of [\$523,403] and approve Resolution R24-188. Funding supports comprehensive harm reduction strategies, community engagement, and policy advocacy, led by the expertise and leadership of individuals with lived experience.
- Join Together Northern Nevada Inc – Partnerships for Prevention – WOARF24-00004 in the amount of [\$250,000] and approve Resolution R24-189. Funding supports providing support and resources to bridge transportation and resource gaps in Washoe County for individuals who are unhoused and at-risk or in current use of Opioids
- Bristlecone Family Resources – Medical Detox Building – WOARF24-00003 in the amount of [\$952,381] and approve Resolution R24-190. Funding supports building a medical detox facility.

BACKGROUND

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.

WOARF conducted an open and competitive grant solicitation for projects to address one of the five priorities identified in the Washoe County Opioid Use Community Needs Assessment 2023-2025. At the September 10, 2024 meeting, WOARF recommended, and the Board approved, six projects to receive funding. Among these projects was the Human Services Agency’s CrossRoads Families project, which will provide a therapeutic living community to families impacted by Opioid Use to engage in recovery together.

CrossRoads Families is an extension of the existing CrossRoads programs. These programs provide an alcohol and drug free supportive housing approach for those in need of such services. The current program offers separate housing and programming for men, women and women with children. CrossRoads Families will provide a facility where parents reside with their children to engage in recovery together. The program addresses the needs of families impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) through a comprehensive, family-centered approach implementing child welfare best practices to support family stability, promote family reunification and prevent child removals.

Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) has been selected to partner with the Human Services Agency (HSA) on this project. Working closely with HSA and the existing CrossRoads program, RISE will provide the facility, staffing and program operations. This recommended subaward will provide the resources to RISE for these activities. The facility will be leased and/or purchased by RISE.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this subgrant award to RISE, there will be no additional fiscal impact to the Human Services Agency or General Fund FY25 adopted budgets. Budget authority for this award exists in the Other Restricted Fund (F270) FY25 budget in Internal Order 20545 (HSA Crossroads Families) and GL 710119 (Subrecipient Payments).

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve, in accordance with NRS 244.1505, a subgrant of Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF) non-bankruptcy funds through the One Nevada Agreement to Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE), a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious or educational purposes, in the amount of [\$856,520], retroactively for a term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026, to support the CrossRoads Families project, which was created to allow parents to reside with their children to engage in recovery together; approve related Resolution R24-113; and authorize the Purchasing & Contracts Manager to execute the necessary award documents.”*