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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *April 28, 2026*

DATE: Monday, March 26, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ryan Gustafson, Assistant County Manager
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept the 2025-2026 Extended Foster Care (EFC) state funds as an Award Amendment in the amount of \$1,202,073 retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to invest in the staffing and direct care payments for the EFC program for young adults aged 18-21, including the possible purchase and/or use of prepaid cards/gift cards for participant incentives; authorize the Director of Finance & Administration of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute agreement documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept the 2025-2026 Extended Foster Care (EFC) state funds as an Award Amendment in the amount of \$1,202,073 retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to invest in the staffing and direct care payments for the EFC program for young adults aged 18-21; and authorize the Director of Finance & Administration of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute agreement documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

The EFC program provides additional support for young adults transitioning from foster care to self-sufficiency. These State funds support three case managers, one eligibility worker, and one supervisor. The funds also provide monthly support payments to EFC program participants to offset costs like rent, utilities and transportation to provide additional resources while young adults are in school and/or working.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND

The Extended Foster Care (EFC) program is a joint State and federal IV-E program to provide additional resources to young adults preparing for self-sufficiency. To qualify

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for the EFC program, young adults must be enrolled in high school, post-secondary school, vocational program, job assistance programs, partially employed and/or have a documented medical or mental health condition preventing participation in the listed programs.

EFC participants benefit from case management, regular meetings with HSA staff and guidance from age 18-21. Support may also include direct payments to promote stability of housing and wellbeing.

Retroactive approval is requested as the Human Services Agency received the grant award from Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) on March 2, 2026.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Extended Foster Care (EFC)

Scope of the Project: Fund support to young adults aged 18-21 exiting foster care.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Provides support for young adults exiting foster care from Washoe County HSA.

On-Going Program Support: Funds existing positions and existing costs related to the EFC program.

Award Amount: \$1,202,073 in State funds of the total award of \$1,605,506

Grant Period: 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

Funding Source: State of Nevada

Pass Through Entity: None

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: None

Grant ID Number: 314113-26-101

Match Amount and Type: None

Sub-Awards and Contracts: None

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Human Service Agency (F228) adopted budget will be increased by \$1,202,073 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO- 12647	432100-State Grants	\$ 1,202,073
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,202,073
IO- 12647	701412-Salary Adjustment	\$ 446,443
IO- 12647	705360-Benefit Adjustment	\$ 223,877
IO- 12647	710711-Independent Living	\$ 531,753
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,202,073

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the 2025-2026 Extended Foster Care (EFC) state funds as an Award Amendment in the amount of \$1,202,073 retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to invest in the staffing and direct care payments for the EFC program for young adults aged 18-21; and authorize the Director of Finance & Administration of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute agreement documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be:
“Move to accept the 2025-2026 Extended Foster Care (EFC) state funds as an Award Amendment in the amount of \$1,202,073 retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to invest in the staffing and direct care payments for the EFC program for young adults aged 18-21; and authorize the Director of Finance & Administration of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute agreement documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”