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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *April 12, 2022*

DATE: April 7, 2022
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Supplemental grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$150,000.00; no County match] for Adoption Promotion and Support services, retroactive to February 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The overall goals of Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program are to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families, improve the quality of care and services to children and their families, and ensure permanency for children by reuniting them with their parents, by adoption or by another permanent living arrangement.

Funds under PSSF are separated into four service categories. We recommend to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Supplemental grant award in the service category of Adoption Promotion and Support in the amount of [\$150,000.00; no County match]. Funds are awarded from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactively from February 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022. Funds will support home study assessments and social summaries as well as an advertising campaign to promote and recruit foster and adoptive families.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6.H.5, the Department's request to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the state of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$125,130; \$41,710 county match] for Adoption Promotion & Support services, retroactive to July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On July 20, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.E.2, the Department's request to accept Amendment #1 to the subgrant award for Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services that increases the award amount by [\$100,000; \$33,333 county match] for Adoption Promotion & Support services and extends the grant period retroactive to July 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021.

On October 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.F.5, the Department's request to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$63,102; \$21,034 county match] for Adoption Promotion services, retroactive to July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

On September 24, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #18, the Department's request to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$14,664; county match \$4,881.34] for Family Support, [\$39,938; county match \$13,312.66] for Family Preservation, [\$55,025; county match \$18,341.67] for Family Reunification, and [\$167,603; county match \$55,867.66] for Adoption Promotion and Support, retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On September 12, 2018, the Board of County of Commissioners approved item #6.K.5, the Department's request to accept \$58,000 (\$19,333 match) in Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services retroactive to July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program is as follows:

- Promote flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families, by protecting and promoting the welfare of all children;
- Prevent the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children;
- Support at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner;
- Promote the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and
- Provide training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.

In accordance with this purpose, this award under the Adoption Promotion and Support category will support home study assessments and social summaries as well as an advertising campaign to promote and recruit foster and adoptive families.

Retroactive approval is requested as the notice of subaward (NOSA) was received March 11, 2022, with a grant period start date of February 1, 2022.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

Scope of the Project: Adoption Promotion and Support (Supplemental Funding)

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program benefits Washoe County families by providing pre and post adoptive services designed to expedite the adoption process and support foster and adoptive families, including home study assessments and social summaries for children awaiting adoption. The program will also partially fund an advertising campaign to promote and recruit foster families.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$150,000.00

Grant Period: February 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022

Funding Source: Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, Division X of Public Law 116-260, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

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

CFDA Number: 93.556

Grant ID Number: 93556-21-412

Match Amount and Type: No County match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Human Services Agency may contract with vendors to provide social summaries, home studies and a foster/adoptive family advertising campaign. Any contracts will follow the County’s competitive bid process and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200—Uniform Guidance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and accept these amendments, the Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY22 adopted budget will be increased by \$150,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11982	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 150,000.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 150,000.00
IO 11982	-710100	Professional Services	\$ 102,500.00
	-710509	Seminars & Meetings	\$ 3,400.00
	-710726	Home Studies	\$ 22,050.00
	-710727	Social Summary	\$ 22,050.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 150,000.00

This award does not require matching funds. Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Supplemental grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$150,000.00; no County match] for Adoption Promotion and Support services, retroactive to February 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller’s 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 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Supplemental grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$150,000.00; no County match] for Adoption Promotion and Support services, retroactive to February 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”