



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 16, 2024

DATE: May 15, 2023
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's
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THROUGH: Christopher Hicks, District Attorney
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a National Children's Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney's Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$112,446, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children's Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the cooperative agreement. (All commission districts)

SUMMARY

State chapters of the National Children's Alliance receive annual funding for their activities in support of Child Advocacy Centers within their state. The District Attorney's Office – home to the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center – is acting as the fiscal arm of the Nevada chapter (Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada). As such, the Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept the grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Award is retroactive to January 1, 2023. Staffing shortage delayed BCC submission.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 28, 2022, The Board accepted a National Children's Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney's Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$80,000, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children's Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 7, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

On June 8, 2021, the Board accepted a National Children's Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney's Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$75,000, no match] from the

AGENDA ITEM # _____

U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children’s Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
On June 16, 2020, the Board accepted a National Children’s Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney’s Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$64,000, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children’s Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

BACKGROUND

The State of Nevada contains four children’s advocacy centers that have been committed to the formation of a Nevada State Chapter, the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada. Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada, the Nevada Chapter, was accredited with the National Children’s Alliance in October 2017. Of the four centers, two (Washoe County Children’s Advocacy Center and Southern Nevada Children’s Advocacy Center) are accredited centers and two (Nye County Children’s Advocacy Center and Great Basin Children’s Advocacy Center) are associate members moving toward accreditation. The Washoe County District Attorney’s Office serves as the fiscal for the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada (CACNV), the State of Nevada Chapter.

The Washoe County Child Advocacy Center benefits from the CACNV goals:

1. Establish and maintain CAC accreditation throughout the state.
2. Support and enhance existing CAC programs.
3. Assist CAC establish and improve their Multi-Disciplinary Teams.
4. Provide outreach, education, and support throughout Nevada.
5. Maintain and grow funding for CACs in Nevada.

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GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada Chapter Grant

Scope of the Project: Chapter administration expenses and support of Nevada Child Advocacy Centers

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Provide guidance and fiscal assistance to the Child Advocacy Center.

On-Going Program Support: We are acting as the fiscal agent of the Nevada Chapter. The County will not be responsible for additional or ongoing funding for this project. If the grant funding ends, so will the Chapter.

Award Amount: \$112,446

Grant Period: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Justice

Pass Through Entity: National Children’s Alliance

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 16.758

Grant ID Number: RENO-NV-CHCORE23

Match Amount and Type: no match required for this grant

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Purchasing will follow 2 CFR 200 and Washoe County Grant procurement guidelines. We will complete a competitive process for the purchase of equipment, per WC Grant procurement guidelines.

We will contract with existing Coordinator of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada (Lisa Ruggerio).

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY2023 District Attorney adopted budget will be increased by \$112,446 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO- 12224 2023 NCA	431100-Federal Grants	\$112,446.00
IO- 12224 2023 NCA	710100-Professional Services	\$86,950.00
IO- 12224 2023 NCA	710350-Office Supplies	4,555.00
IO- 12224 2023 NCA	710509-Registration	2,380.00
IO- 12224 2023 NCA	711210-Travel	10,561.00
IO- 12224 2023 NCA	710529-Dues	8,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$112,446.00

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 National Children’s Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney’s Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$112,446, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children’s Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the cooperative agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to accept a National Children's Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the to the District Attorney's Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$112,446, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children's Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the cooperative agreement. "