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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *January 20, 2026*

DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept an FY26 Mobile Crisis Response Team subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$2,391,246; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to support staffing and operational costs of the Northern Nevada unit of the Children's Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT); authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the sub-grant agreement and related documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

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Washoe County Strategic Objective: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 16, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #13 to approve budget amendments totaling [\$2,419,345] in both revenues and expenditures to the FY25 Mobile Crisis Response Team program within the Child Protective Services Fund (F228).

On June 18, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #21 to accept subaward funding in the amount of [\$2,488,421.00] from the State of Nevada intended to support the transfer, staffing, and ongoing operational costs of transferring the northern Nevada unit of the Children's Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) program from the State of Nevada to the Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) effective July 01, 2024 including all necessary fiscal and program operating authority; (2) authorized the

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creation of up to 18 new 1.0 FTE positions in County job classifications as approved by the Washoe County Job Evaluation Committee and in accordance with accepting the subaward effective July 01, 2024; and (3) authorized staff to fill the 18 FTE positions via any combination of the standard merit selection process and/or the acceptance of existing MCRT staff from the State of Nevada under the terms described herein effective July 15, 2024.

BACKGROUND

The MCRT was created at the state level under the Department of Child and Family Services to provide crisis intervention and stabilization services for youth and families of youth under the age of 18 who are exhibiting behavioral/ mental health concerns in which the behavior of the child threatens his or her removal from the home, school, or community. The MCRT program operates as a northern and southern unit, with the northern unit moving under the direction of HSA effective July 1, 2024 (FY25.) The unit is staffed with clinicians and case workers whose goal is to reduce emergency room visits due to a psychiatric crisis and reduce psychiatric hospitalizations when appropriate by providing immediate support and crisis interventions, short-term stabilization, and case management services. Interventions are provided 24/7 365 days per year in the home, community, and/or through phone consultation via the hotline. The crisis staff have been able to divert roughly 85% of the children they engage with from emergency room visits during a crisis and have subsequently provided short-term counseling and case management until children and families can be connected with long-term providers and peer supports in the community.

The Washoe County Board of County Commissioners accepted state funding for MCRT and authorized staff to create the positions and establish the MCRT unit in FY24 (June 18, 2024) as required by county code.

The Agency received Notice of Subaward for this subgrant on November 3, 2025, with an effective date of July 1, 2025; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: FY26 Mobile Crisis Response Team

Scope of the Project: The Mobile Crisis Response Team was created to provide crisis intervention and stabilization services for youth and families of youth under the age of 18 who are exhibiting behavioral/mental health concerns.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The Mobile Crisis Response Team works with youth and their families whose behavioral/mental health threatens his or her removal from the home, school or community. With this intervention the team is often able to provide support to the youth and family to diffuse the situation or crisis and to help families obtain the services needed for the child.

On-Going Program Support: If the grant award is discontinued or not renewed, the program would be shifted back to the State.

Award Amount: \$2,391,246.00 (\$2,300,176.00/\$91,070.00 indirect)

Grant Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Funding Source: Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Child and Family Services

Pass Through Entity: n/a

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: n/a

Grant ID Number: 328120-26-001

Match Amount and Type: There is no required match.

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Human Services Agency complies with the Washoe County Procurement Policy, Grants Manual, competitive bid process, and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined by 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Guidance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board approve these amendments, the FY26 Child Protective Services Fund (F228) adopted budget will be \$2,391,246.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Account Number		Description	Amount of Increase/(Decrease)
IO 12623	-432100	State Grants	\$ 1,672,706.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 1,672,706.00

IO 12623	-701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 1,100,154.00
	-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 551,728.00
	-711210	Travel	\$ 5,750.00
	-710350	Office Supplies	\$ 1,156.00
	-710509	Cell Phones	\$ 11,400.00
	-710503	Licenses & Permits	\$ 2,518.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 1,672,706.00

Account Number		Description	Amount of Increase/(Decrease)
IO 12622	-432100	State Grants	\$ 718,540.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 718,540.00

IO 12622	-701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 475,409.00
	-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 238,418.50

-711210	Travel	\$	650.00
-710350	Office Supplies	\$	50.00
-710509	Cell Phones	\$	3,600.00
-710503	Licenses & Permits	\$	412.50
	Total Expenditures	\$	718,540.00

Indirect costs in the amount of \$91,070.00 are included in the grant award. This award does not require match.

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 additional funding is secured.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to accept an FY26 Mobile Crisis Response Team subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$2,391,246; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to support staffing and operational costs of the Northern Nevada unit of the Children's Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT); authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the sub-grant agreement and related documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."*