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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

DATE: February 20, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ryan Gustafson, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept the second amendment to the subaward of the Child Welfare Collaborative Agreement with Casey Family Programs in the amount of [\$40,000.00; no county match] retroactive from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, to facilitate family reunification and permanency for children and reduce foster care reentries; and authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to retroactively execute agreement documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency is requesting the Board of County Commissioners accept the second amendment to the subaward of the Child Welfare Collaborative Agreement with Casey Family Programs in the amount of [\$40,000.00; no county match] retroactive from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, to facilitate family reunification and permanency for children and reduce foster care reentries.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 20, 2024 the Board of County Commissioners approved item 9.G.2 a subaward from Casey Family Programs in the amount of \$75,000.

On March 28, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 7.G.1 a subaward from Casey Family Programs in the amount of \$67,000.

On March 8, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 5.E.3 the fifth amendment to the subaward from Casey Family Programs in the amount of \$67,000.

On March 9, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 6.E.3 the fourth amendment to the subaward from Casey Family Programs in the amount of \$65,000.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On April 28, 2020, the Board approved item 6.E.3 the third amendment to the subaward from Casey Family Programs in the amount of \$65,000.

On June 25, 2019, the Board approved item 6.I the second amendment to the subaward from Casey Family Programs in the amount of \$35,000.

On March 26, 2019, the Board approved item 7.E.2 the first amendment to the subaward from Casey Family Programs, a private foundation, to facilitate family reunification and permanency for children and reduce foster care reentries through December 31, 2019.

On February 27, 2018, the Board approved item 9.J.1 a subgrant award from Casey Family Programs in the amount of \$35,000.

BACKGROUND

The Human Services Agency has collaborated with Casey Family Programs for several years to improve outcomes for children in foster care. The Department has initiated a variety of efforts to reduce the number of children entering our foster care system and to work aggressively toward reunification with parents.

This year's award will continue to focus on fostering relationships through the delivery of peer support with the objective of helping parents and caregivers develop parenting skills; offering support in improving services; mentoring and supporting struggling parents and caregivers; providing support and encouragement in coping with stress, managing and adjusting to reunification, assessing community resources, providing a strong and stable environment, and behavior management.

Retroactive approval is requested as the Human Services Agency received the Amendment from Casey Family Programs on January 9, 2025.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Casey Family Programs Child Welfare Collaboration

Scope of the Project: Promote permanency planning for children in care including older children and children that have been in care for a long period of time. The emphasis is expedited planning by supporting concurrent permanency options and targeted exit programs. Promote practices associated with shared decision-making collaborations to produce sustainable family-centered permanency planning for children.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Children in Washoe County entering the foster care system will find permanency quicker than in the past through the changes identified, thus reducing costs of long-term foster care.

On-Going Program Support: Casey Family Programs does not support the costs of ongoing programs.

Award Amount: \$40,000.00; no indirect

Grant Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026

Funding Source: Casey Family Programs

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: 230020.02

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Procurement activities will comply with the established Washoe County Procurement Policy and Grants Manual.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY25 Human Services Agency’s Child Protective Services Fund (F228) adopted budget will be increased by \$40,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 29067	- 484195	Non-Governmental Grants	\$ 40,000.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 40,000.00
IO 29067	-710100	Professional Services	\$ 20,000.00
	-710312	Special Dept Expense	\$ 10,000.00
	-710872	Food Purchases	\$ 10,000.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 40,000.00

The Casey Family Programs Grant does not require match and no indirect is included in the budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the second amendment to the subaward of the Child Welfare Collaborative Agreement with Casey Family Programs in the amount of [\$40,000.00; no county match] retroactive from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, to facilitate family reunification and permanency for children and reduce foster care reentries; and authorize the Director of 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 second amendment to the subaward of the Child Welfare Collaborative Agreement with Casey Family Programs in the amount of [\$40,000.00; no county match] retroactive from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, to facilitate family*

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