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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025

DATE: Thursday, August 21, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept an FY26 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$260,376.00; \$65,094.00 county match; including up to \$3,000 for participant gift cards], retroactive from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant award; and direct the Finance office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept an FY26 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$260,376.00; \$65,094.00 county match; including up to \$3,000 for participant gift cards], retroactive from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant award; and direct the Finance office to make the necessary budget amendments.

The Chafee Program is designed to offer flexible funding that assists youth who are likely to remain in foster care until age 18 and provide services intended to help these youth transition from foster care to independent living.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 14, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7.B.3., the Agency's request to accept a FY25 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$252,756.00; \$63,189.00 county match retroactive from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On October 10, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7.C.7., the Agency's request to accept a FY24 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$247,845.00; \$61,462.00 county match retroactive from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

On August 23, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #15, the Agency's request to accept a FY23 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$254,953; \$63,738 county match retroactive from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

On September 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6H1 the Agency's request to accept a FY22 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$254,953; \$63,738 county match retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

On June 22, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #15, the Agency's request to accept a FY21 PL116 Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$658,600 (no county match) retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND

The Human Services Agency has been responsible for child welfare in Washoe County for over 35 years. Children's Services currently provides the full continuum of care to victims of child abuse including child protective services, foster care and adoption, licensing, congregate care, Independent Living and clinical case management. Washoe County has received funds from the Chafee Program since 2003 to support activities for youth aging out of the foster program. For FY26, funds from this grant award will be used to support case management for youth aging out of the foster care system, activities that promote normalcy in the lives of these youth and offer youth voice opportunities.

The Agency received the Notice of Subaward for this subgrant on July 2, 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 Chafee Program

Scope of the Project: To assist youth transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency and greater independence.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The Chafee program provides support services to youth in the foster care system during their transition to adulthood and living independently.

On-Going Program Support: The Agency has received funding to operate the Independent Living program from the Chafee program since 2003.

Award Amount: \$260,376.00 (**\$240,671.00 direct/\$19,705.00 indirect**)

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

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Service
Administration for Children & Families

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

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 93.674

Grant ID Number: 93674-25-003

Match Amount and Type: \$65,094.00 (Division of Child and Family Services Fund to Assist Former Foster Youth grant is used as match)

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Agency will follow the County and federal grant procurement guidelines for any subawards and contracts.

FISCAL IMPACT

This award was anticipated and \$203,250.67 was included in the FY26 Child Protective Services Fund (228) adopted budget in IO 12258. Should the Board accept this grant award, the FY26 adopted budget will be increased by \$37,402.33 in both revenue and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12561	- 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 37,420.33
		Total Revenue	\$ 37,420.33
IO 12561	- 710312	Special Dept Expense	\$ 12,000.00
	- 710313	Gift Cards	\$ 3,000.00
	- 710577	Uniforms & Special Clothing	\$ 1,500.00
	- 710712	Family Preservation	\$ 2,500.00
	- 710734	Residence Assistance	\$ 18,420.33
		Total Expenditures	\$ 37,420.33

Indirect costs in the amount of \$19,705.00 are included in the grant award. This award requires a cash match of \$65,094.00; the expenditures to meet the match requirement will be posted to IO 12560 as FAFFY expenditures are allowable match and there is sufficient budget authority.

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

Recommendation to accept an FY26 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$260,376.00; \$65,094.00 county match; including up to \$3,000 for participant gift cards], retroactive from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant award; and direct the Finance 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 an FY26 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$260,376.00; \$65,094.00 county match; including up to \$3,000 for participant gift cards], retroactive from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant award; and direct the Finance office to make the necessary budget amendments."*