



WASHOE COUNTY

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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 Fund to Assist Former Foster Youth (FAFFY program) subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$150,000.00; no county match; including up to \$4,000 for participant gift cards and up to \$1,000 in participant food purchases] retroactive from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to provide case management and related services for youth who aged out of foster care; 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

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Nevada provides financial assistance to former foster youth through the passage of Assembly Bill 94, also known as the Financial Assistance to Former Foster Youth Program (FAFFY program). The purpose of the FAFFY program is to assist former foster youth in Nevada ages 18 to 21 in achieving economic self-sufficiency. Youth who are 17.5 years of age and will be leaving foster care at age 18 are also eligible for services to assist with transitioning into adulthood upon leaving foster care.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #9.G.5., the Agency's request to accept \$160,000 in FAFFY funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactive from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

On October 10, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7.C.6., the Agency's request to accept \$200,000 in FAFFY funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactive from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

On August 23, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #14, the Agency's request to accept \$200,000 in FAFFY funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactive from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

On September 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #13, the Agency's request to accept \$200,000 in FAFFY funds from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The Board has accepted an additional \$2,277,700 in FAFFY Grant Program awards on behalf of the Human Services Agency since 2010.

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill 94, passed by the 2001 Legislature, authorized County Recorders to charge an additional fee to assist persons making the transition from foster care to independent living. These funds are forwarded to the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to grant to child welfare agencies. The local child welfare agency must disburse the funds on behalf of qualifying persons, based on need, to obtain goods and services, including job training, housing assistance, medical services, basic needs, and those items that will assist the youth in successfully transitioning to self-sufficiency as adults.

The FY26 FAFFY subaward grant will support financial assistance for youth who aged out of foster care and who are 17.5 of age and will be leaving foster care at age 18, for housing, basic needs, counseling, workforce development, etc., rep payee services to assist youth with financial stability, AB350 room & board payments, and a caseworker's time at 10%.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this sub-grant 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: Washoe County Human Services Agency Independent Living Program

Scope of the Project: To provide financial, housing, counseling, employment, education, and other appropriate support to former foster youth to assist them in making a successful transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program is a complement to the youth's efforts to achieve self-sufficiency and provides them with the tools to become contributing citizens of Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: The Agency has received funding to operate the Independent Living program from the FAFFY program since 2010.

Award Amount: \$150,000.00 (**\$148,500.00 direct/\$1,500.00 indirect**)

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

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

Pass Through Entity: n/a

CFDA Number: n/a

Grant ID Number: 325011-26-003

Match Amount and Type: none

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award the FY26 Human Services Agency, Child Protective Services (F228) adopted budget will be increased by \$148,500.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12560	- 432100	State Grants	\$ 148,500.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 148,500.00
IO 12560	- 701412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 8,400.00
	- 705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 6,600.00
	- 710100	Professional Services	\$ 35,720.00
	- 710312	Special Dept Expense	\$ 5,780.00
	- 710313	Gift Cards	\$ 4,000.00
	- 710712	Family Preservation	\$ 1,000.00
	- 710734	Residence Assistance	\$ 17,000.00
	- 710711	Independent Living	\$ 69,000.00
	- 710872	Food Purchases	\$ 1,000.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 148,500.00

Indirect costs in the amount of \$1,500.00 are included in the grant budget. This grant does not require a 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 Fund to Assist Former Foster Youth (FAFFY program) subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$150,000.00; no county match; including up to \$4,000 for participant gift cards and up to \$1,000 in participant food purchases] retroactive from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to provide case management and related services for youth who aged out of foster care; 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."*