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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *January 14, 2025*

DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a FY25 Federal Title IV-B 1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004.00; \$20,668.00 county match] retroactive from October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to improve outcomes for children and families involved with Washoe County Human Services Agency; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept a FY25 Federal Title IV-B 1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004.00; \$20,668.00 county match] retroactive from October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to improve outcomes for children and families involved with Washoe County Human Services Agency; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 14, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 8.G.1, the Agency's request to accept a FY24 Federal Title IV-B 1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004.00; \$20,668.00 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to improve outcomes for children and families involved with Washoe County Human Services Agency.

On November 15, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 9.E.2, the Agency's request to accept a FY23 Federal Title IV-B 1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004.00; \$20,668.00 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to improve outcomes for children and families involved with Washoe County Human Services Agency.

On January 25, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6.F.2, the Agency's request to accept a FY22 Federal Title IV-B1 subgrant from DCFS in the amount of [\$62,004.00; \$20,668.00 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, to provide child welfare services with a focus on keeping families together.

On November 10, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.K.2, the Agency's request to accept a FY21 Federal Title IV-B 1 sub-grant from DCFS in the amount of [\$62,004; \$20,668 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, to provide child welfare services with a focus on keeping families together.

On October 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.F.2, the Agency's request to accept a FY21 Supplemental IV-B 1 sub-grant from DCFS in the amount of [\$62,500; \$20,833 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020, to September 30, 2020, to provide for staffing at Our Place Family Shelter where placement of families for emergency housing will support keeping families together.

On August 31, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.G.5, the Agency's request to accept a FY21 Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Federal Title IV-B1 sub-grant award from DCFS in the amount of [\$82,028; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide child welfare services related to increased or alternative needs due to the coronavirus pandemic with a focus on keeping families together.

BACKGROUND

Title IV-B Subpart 1 of the Social Security Act, also called the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program, primarily supports formula grants to state, tribal, and territorial child welfare agencies for provision of services to children and their families. Additional funds are provided to courts to improve handling of child abuse and neglect proceedings. Finally, some Title IV-B dollars are provided on a competitive basis to various public or private entities for support of research, evaluation, training, or other grants intended to improve or expand provision of child welfare-related services.

Title IV-B of the Social Security Act is an important funding stream for child welfare. It provides funding for many activities including protecting and promoting the welfare of all children, preventing the neglect, abuse or exploitation of children, and support at-risk families. Prior to 2019, the State had not issued a Notice of Subaward (NOSA) for Title IV-B funding.

The Agency received the Notice of Award for this sub-grant on November 30, 2024, with an effective date of October 1, 2024; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Child Welfare

Scope of the Project: To improve the outcomes for children and families involved with Washoe County Human Services Agency

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Funds will be used to support costs associated with children in the Washoe County child welfare system.

On-Going Program Support: WCHSA will seek ongoing support through the Federal Title IV-B funding programs.

Award Amount: \$62,004.00 (**\$62,004.00 direct/\$0.00 indirect**)

Grant Period: October 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

Funding Source: Title IV-B, Subpart 1 of the Social Security Act

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

CFDA Number: 93.645

Grant ID Number: 93645-24-002

Match Amount and Type: \$20,668.00 (cash match)

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 and approve these amendments, the Human Services Agency's Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY25 adopted budget will be increased by \$62,004.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Account Number		Description	Amount of Increase/(Decrease)
IO 12476	- 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 62,004.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 62,004.00
IO 12476	- 710571	Safety Expense	\$ 16,000.00
	- 710712	Family Preservation	\$ 14,004.00
	- 710734	Residence Assistance	\$ 32,000.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 62,004.00

No indirect costs have been included in the grant award. The expenditures to meet the match requirement will be tracked in IO 60925 and funding is included in the Agency's adopted FY25 budget in Fund 228.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept a FY25 Federal Title IV-B 1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004.00; \$20,668.00 county match] retroactive from October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to improve outcomes for children and families involved with Washoe County Human Services Agency; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; 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 a FY25 Federal Title IV-B 1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004.00; \$20,668.00 county match] retroactive from October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to improve outcomes for children and families involved with Washoe County Human Services Agency; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance office to make the necessary budget amendments."*