



# 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 the FY26 Medical Marijuana subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$108,000.00; no county match] to provide support elements of the START program retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; retroactively authorize the Director of 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**

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### SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept the FY26 Medical Marijuana subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$108,000.00; no county match] to support elements of the START program retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; retroactively authorize the Director of 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 September 10, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item #6.D.4., the Agency's request to accept a subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$108,000.00; no county match] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 to provide Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) services as an element of the START program.

On September 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item #6.E.1., the Agency's request to accept a subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$108,000.00; no county match] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

through June 30, 2024 to provide behavioral health services for clients with substance use issues.

On July 19, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item #7.C.3., the Agency's request to accept a subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$108,493.00; no county match] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to provide behavioral health services for clients with substance use issues.

On August 17, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved Item #16, the Agency's request to accept a subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$114,268.00; no county match] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to provide behavioral health services for clients with substance use issues and Amendment #4 of the Alta Vista Mental Health, LLC contract to increase the amount by \$114,268.00 to support increased staffing needs, for a total payment amount of \$635,912.20 for the remaining two (2) renewal periods.

On September 8, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.H.1, the Agency's request to accept a subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$114,268.00; no county match] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide behavioral health services for clients with substance use issues.

### **BACKGROUND**

Washoe County Human Services Agency has been supporting behavioral health services for clients with substance use issues since 2002-03 by providing services to parents with children who have been placed in the child welfare system by the Agency due to child abuse and/or neglect related to substance abuse.

This grant funding supports a Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS) supervisor and contractual services for monitoring, training, and technical assistance for the implementation of the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) model program. START assists and empowers peer clients struggling with SUD by identifying main concerns, developing collaborative care plans that include measurable goals and objectives, and by providing peer support to clients. START is a specialized child welfare service delivery model that has been shown to improve outcomes for children and families affected by parental substance use and child maltreatment.

This grant is funded by state medical marijuana tax revenue to support clients involved with Child Protection Services who have substance use issues.

The Notice of Subaward for this grant was received by the Human Services Agency on May 28, 2025; therefore, retroactive approval is requested.

Retroactive approval to authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents is requested due to the way in which this award is managed by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, which requires approvals before the document can be released.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Substance Use Prevention Treatment & Recovery Services  
Medical Marijuana subgrant

**Scope of the Project:** To provide services through Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) to clients with substance use disorder and their children.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The benefit to residents is through support for clean and sober parenting.

**On-Going Program Support:** HSA will continue to pursue funding through this source. If future funding is reduced or discontinued, HSA will seek other funding sources or reduce services.

**Award Amount:** \$108,000.00 (\$108,000.00 direct/\$0 indirect)

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

**Funding Source:** State Medical Marijuana Tax

**Pass Through Entity:** State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human  
Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** NA

**Grant ID Number:** SG-2026-00055

**Match Amount and Type:** N/A

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The Agency follows County and federal grant procurement guidelines for subawards and contracts.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Child Protective Services Fund 228, the adopted budget will be increased by \$108,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12535	- 432100	State Grants	\$ 108,000.00
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 108,000.00</b>
IO 12535	- 710100	Professional Services	\$ 108,000.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 108,000.00</b>

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the FY26 Medical Marijuana subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$108,000.00; no county match] to provide support elements of the START program retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; retroactively authorize the Director of 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 the FY26 Medical Marijuana subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$108,000.00; no county match] to provide support elements of the START program retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; retroactively authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments."*