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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 18, 2025

DATE: November 13, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept an FY26 subgrant amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, whose mission is to coordinate regional mental health services for underserved populations, in the amount of [\$7,250.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; retroactively authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept an FY26 subgrant amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, whose mission is to coordinate regional mental health services for underserved populations, in the amount of [\$7,250.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; retroactively authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 17, 2024 the Board accepted item 7D1, The Agency's request to accept two sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$107,982 and \$85,547 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

On November 28, 2023 the Board accepted item 7D2, The Agency's request to accept two sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$107,930 and \$87,571 to support the position and activities of the

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

On June 27, 2023 the Board accepted item 6F1, the Agency's request to accept three sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amounts of \$57,808, \$57,725, and \$57,807 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

On December 14, 2021, the Board accepted item #23, the Agency's request to accept a sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$175,175 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator retroactive from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

On July 20, 2021 the Board approved item #8.E.4, the Agency's request to accept a FY22 sub-grant award amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$39,995; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator.

On March 9, 2021 the Board approved item #6.E.2, the Agency's request to accept a FY21 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$135,212; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator.

The Board has accepted previous sub-grants from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for the same purpose since FY14 that authorized the creation of 1.0 FTE, fully benefitted, full-time Behavioral Health Program Coordinator.

BACKGROUND

Historically, Nevada's mental health services have not been well coordinated, creating a situation where the largest mental health provider is typically the local jail. The intent of this position is to bring coordination to the local level in partnership with the state, allowing Washoe County to identify key issues and coordinate resources.

Funding for this sub-grant award is through the Community Mental Health Block Grant and the Overdose Data to Action Grant. The objective of the Community Mental Health Block Grant is to support grantees in carrying out plans for providing comprehensive community mental health services and the Overdose Data to Action Grant is to expand access to overdose prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

The staff position supported by this funding assists with carrying out the state's plan for providing comprehensive community health services to adults with a serious mental illness and to children with serious emotional disturbance. Further responsibilities include monitoring the progress of implementing a comprehensive community-based mental

health system, providing, and assisting the State in planning and implementing a comprehensive community-based mental health system.

Additional activities include the coordination of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs in Washoe County with state, county, and community organizations, planning and evaluation of community behavioral health programs, and providing leadership on mental health issues.

The Agency received the last of the two Notices of Award for this position on September 16, 2025 with an effective date of October 1, 2024; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment Coordinator – MHBG

Scope of the Project: To support a Behavioral Health Program Coordinator who will direct, coordinate and maximize the integration and cooperation of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs with state, county and local community organizations within Washoe County.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Enhanced safety and well-being of Washoe County residents through the development and implementation of long-range plans pertaining to the expansion of funding and more effective provision of behavioral health services.

On-Going Program Support: WCHSA will seek ongoing support through this funding source. If funding is reduced or eliminated, WCHSA would seek alternate funding sources or reduce or eliminate this program.

Initial Award	\$107,982.00 (\$98,164 direct and \$9,818 indirect)
Amendment #1	\$ 7,250.00 (\$6,592 direct and \$658 indirect)
Total Award:	\$115,232.00 (\$104,756 direct and \$10,476 indirect)

Grant Period: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Funding Source: Block Grant for Community Mental Health Services
Pass Through Entity: Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public & Behavioral Health

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 93.958

Grant ID Number: SG-2025-00670

Match Amount and Type: N/A

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The award was anticipated and should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Indigent Fund (221), adopted budget will be increased by \$6,592.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account</u>		<u>Description</u>	Amount of <u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12572	- 431100	Federal Grants	\$ 6,592.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 6,592.00
IO 12572	- 710412	Salary Adjustment	\$ 4,390.00
	- 705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 2,202.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 6,592.00

Indirect costs in the amount of \$658.00 are included in the grant budget. The grant has no county match requirement.

These funds will support an existing position funded by other non-federal sources. Human Services Agency will ensure this is not considered supplanting for this award.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept an FY26 subgrant amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, whose mission is to coordinate regional mental health services for underserved populations, in the amount of [\$7,250.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; retroactively authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant award 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 an FY26 subgrant amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, whose mission is to coordinate regional mental health services for underserved populations, in the amount of [\$7,250.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; retroactively authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."*