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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025

DATE: Thursday, August 21, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ryan Gustafson, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept an FY26 Child Death Review (CDR) subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$12,500.00; no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to provide public awareness, education, and services for preventable child fatalities; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subaward and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept an FY26 Child Death Review (CDR) subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$12,500.00; no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to provide public awareness, education, and services for preventable child fatalities; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subaward 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 October 10, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #7C4 to accept a subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$27,096; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to provide public awareness and education on infant safe sleep habits.

On August 23, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8F2 to accept a subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$27,096; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to provide public awareness and education on infant safe sleep habits.

On August 17, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #9E2 to accept a subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount

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of [\$35,000; no county match] retroactively from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to provide public awareness and education on infant safe sleep habits.

On November 10, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.K.1 to accept a subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$14,200; no county match] retroactively from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to provide public awareness and education on infant safe sleep habits.

On November 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.E.3 to approve the Department's request to accept a subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$8,590; no county match] retroactively from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 to provide public awareness and education on youth suicide.

BACKGROUND

In 1993, the Nevada Child Death Review (CDR) program was established. In 2003, a fee on death certificates was established to collect funding to support child fatality review. The purpose of the Nevada Child Death Review program is prevention, education, and case analysis to determine needed policy, protocol and statute changes for preventing child fatalities.

The Agency received a FY26 Child Death Review subaward grant to support public awareness campaigns on infant safe sleep and access to lethal means related to youth suicide and juvenile on juvenile violence. The FY26 Child Death Review goals are:

- Increase macro-level awareness and education on child fatalities in Washoe County through a multifaceted public health campaign focusing on access to lethal means, youth suicide, juvenile-on-juvenile violence and safe sleep practices.
- Implement a micro-level initiative focused on providing direct prevention resources to underserved and low-income families that support and encourage families to take action.

The Department received the Notice of Subaward for this grant June 6, 2025 with an effective date of July 1, 2025; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Child Fatalities Prevention

Scope of the Project: The project will implement macro and micro level public awareness, education, and prevention of infant unsafe sleep practices and youth access to lethal means.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: These funds will benefit Washoe County residents by providing important messages, education, and services promoting infant safe sleep practices and reducing access to lethal means using a variety of media, with the ultimate goal of preventing child fatalities.

On-Going Program Support: Funds will be used for a one-year campaign. There will be no expenses incurred for this campaign beyond this grant period.

Award Amount: \$12,500.00

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

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

Pass Through Entity: n/a

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: n/a

Grant ID Number: 325110-26-008

Match Amount and Type: Match is not required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Human Services Agency complies with the Washoe County Procurement Policy, Grants Manual, competitive bid process, and federal grant procurement guidelines as defined by 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Guidance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Human Services Agency, Child Protection Services (Fund 228) adopted budget will be increased by \$12,500.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12543 - 432100	State Grants	\$ 12,500.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 12,500.00
IO 12543 - 710546	Advertising	\$ 7,500.00
- 710571	Safety Expense	\$ 5,000.00
	Total Expenses	\$ 12,500.00

The grant has no County match requirement, and the award does not include indirect.

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 Child Death Review (CDR) subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$12,500.00; no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to provide public awareness, education, and services for preventable child fatalities; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subaward and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments."*