

# **WASHOE COUNTY**

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# STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: June 17, 2025

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 8, 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 a Built for Zero System Infrastructure

Community Investment from Community Solutions in the amount of [\$37,525.00; no county match] retroactive for the period May 9, 2025 through September 9, 2025 to develop Homeless Management Information

System (HMIS) reporting dashboards and consultation on the web

embedding on the county website for the Housing and Homeless Services; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

# **SUMMARY**

Recommendation to accept a Built for Zero System Infrastructure Community Investment from Community Solutions in the amount of [\$37,525.00; no county match] retroactive for the period May 9, 2025 through September 9, 2025 to develop Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) reporting dashboards and consultation on the web embedding on the county website for the Housing and Homeless Services; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute 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 January 14, 2025, the Board accepted item 7.B.4, the Agency's request to accept a grant award from Community Solutions International for the Built for Zero Housed for the Holidays program to address unique barriers for homeless veterans to housing and to promote stability that other resources cannot cover retroactively to December 2, 2024, through March 2, 2025

On August 22, 2023, the Board accepted item 6.D.1, the Agency's request to accept a grant award from the Community Solutions International in the amount of \$50,000.00 to provide funding for application fees, increased security deposits, background checks and

legal fees to seal evictions for people experiencing homelessness retroactive from April 17, 2023, to April 17, 2024.

## **BACKGROUND**

Washoe County has participated in and served as the lead entity for the Built for Zero initiative since January of 2020. The Built for Zero initiative aims to end homelessness for all through coordination of the service delivery system and data centralization. Through Washoe County's participation in the Built for Zero initiative, a funding proposal was submitted and approved to provide funding to contract with Bitfocus to develop reporting dashboards for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) all subpopulations and consulting on the web embedding on the public facing county website. This funding will support Washoe County in its effort to provide quality data.

#### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** FY25 Built for Zero System Infrastructure Community Investment – Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Dashboard

**Scope of the Project:** Funding to assist with providing rental assistance with Veteran's Affairs case management and supportive services for veterans seeking housing support.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** This project helps to address the severe lack of supportive housing available to extremely low-income and chronically homeless households in Washoe County.

**On-Going Program Support:** Yes

**Award Amount:** \$37,525.00

**Grant Period:** May 9, 2025 through September 9, 2025

**Funding Source:** Community Solutions International

**Pass Through Entity:** N/A

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: N/A

**Grant ID Number:** N/A

**Match Amount and Type:** None

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

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award, Human Services Agency's Homelessness Fund (223) FY25 adopted budget will be increased by \$37,525.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Account Number IO 29074	-484195	<u>Description</u> Non-gov Grants <b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>Amount</u> \$37,525.00 <b>\$37,525.00</b>
IO 29074	-710100	Professional Services <b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$37,525.00 <b>\$37,525.00</b>

This award does not include any match.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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## POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a Built for Zero System Infrastructure Community Investment from Community Solutions in the amount of [\$37,525.00; no county match] retroactive for the period May 9, 2025 through September 9, 2025 to develop Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) reporting dashboards and consultation on the web embedding on the county website for the Housing and Homeless Services; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."