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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *August 19, 2025*

DATE: Thursday, August 14, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept an Opioid Settlement Funds subaward through the Director's Office of the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to increase the award amount to [\$261,126.00; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to provide coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant amendment agreement; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept an Opioid Settlement Funds subaward through the Director's Office of the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to increase the award amount to [\$261,126.00; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to provide coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant amendment agreement; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

These funds will be utilized to provide housing assistance to persons over 18 years of age and/or transitioning age youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders in need of support and supervision in a home-like setting, in accordance with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) best practices and guidelines.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 10, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 7.E.3, to approve Amendment #1 to the Opioid Settlement Funds subaward through the Director's Office of the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to increase the award amount to [\$160,872.00; no county match] retroactive to March 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025 to provide coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program.

On March 18, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 7.D.1, to accept the Opioid Settlement Funds subaward through the Director's Office of the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to provide coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program.

On July 11, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 10, the approved allocation of ARPA funds through the SLFRF in the total amount of [\$8,269,635], which included \$661,500.00 to the Our Home (WellCare) Contract Services for Living Supports and Services Pilot Program extension for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

On July 18, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item 10, the ARPA – ACT/FACT sub-grant award through the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention in the total amount of [\$918,000.00; no county match] to provide coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program.

BACKGROUND

This Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Opioid Settlement funding will allow for continued supportive housing of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence. These services include the provision of living space as well as access to comprehensive case management and continuum of care for this high-need/high-intensity population.

This program was originally incorporated as a pilot program to establish an emergency agreement with New Hope Placement d.b.a. Well Care Services Reno because clients need to be moved immediately from an inappropriate shelter to a location capable of managing their medical, psychiatric, and pharmaceutical needs as well as their case management and support services needs related to their Intellectual/Developmental Disability or Serious Mental Illness diagnoses. The Human Services Agency reviewed other group home service providers available within the community; however, others did not have the medical, psychiatric, or pharmaceutical resources needed that New Hope Placement d.b.a. Well Care Services Reno has been able to provide. The Human Services Agency continues to collaborate with the State to establish more permanent supportive housing alternatives across the community.

Retroactive approval is requested as the Notice of Subaward was received on July 22, 2025.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Our Home

Scope of the Project: Provide coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Offer supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence.

On-Going Program Support: This funding will be used to fund an agreement for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence.

Award Amount: \$261,126.00 (no indirect)

Grant Period: July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Funding Source: Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Opioid Settlement Funds (Fund for a Resilient Nevada)

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

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: Not applicable

Grant ID Number: DO 1611

Match Amount and Type: Match not required.

Sub-Awards and Contracts: For Fiscal Year 2026 a contract for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions has been executed with New Hope Placement d.b.a. Well Care Services Reno.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award, the FY26 Human Services Agency, Homelessness Fund (223), adopted budget will be increased by \$261,126.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12568	- 432100	State Grants	\$ 261,126.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 261,126.00
IO 12568	- 710100	Professional Services	\$ 261,126.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 261,126.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept an Opioid Settlement Funds subaward through the Director's Office of the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to increase the award amount to [\$261,126.00; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to provide coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant amendment agreement; 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 Opioid Settlement Funds subaward through the Director's Office of the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to increase the award amount to [\$261,126.00; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to provide coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant amendment agreement; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."*