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STAFF REPORT

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DATE: April 26, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dwayne Smith, Division Director, Engineering & Capital Projects
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Services between Washoe County and H&K Architects for the Northern Nevada Public Health Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic project [in the amount of \$515,000.00], commencing on June 1, 2024, for architectural and engineering design services necessary to support the project. These services include architecture and interior design, civil, mechanical, electrical, and structural engineering design along with engineering bid support services and engineering construction administration. The TB Clinic will be located at 1240 E. 9th Street and funding for the project comes from a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services grant (no match required). (Commission District 3.)

SUMMARY

The new Northern Nevada Public Health Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic project (Project), located at 1240 E. 9th Street, supports the Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) approach for TB response and health needs in the region. The Project is funded through a federal grant, accepted by the NNPH Board on June 22, 2023, and approved by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners (Board) on October 17, 2023, assigning responsibility for grant award and management to Washoe County. The project will be managed by the Engineering and Capital Projects division of the Community Services Department.

To support the design and delivery of this project, a professional services agreement has been developed with H&K Architects that includes a work scope which focuses on the architectural and engineering design and plans and also includes the professional services such as permitting and engineering support during the bidding and construction administration.

In accordance with Federal regulations 2 CFR 200.320(b)(2)(iv), Washoe County selected H&K Architects from the County's pre-qualified professional architectural and engineer (A&E) list, a list of pre-approved architects and engineers developed to support the delivery of federally funded projects. Staff verified in the System for Award Management Exclusions that H&K Architects is not excluded from receiving federal government contracts as a result of being debarred.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability:
Long-term sustainability.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 17, 2023, the Board approved budget amendments and the necessary net-zero, cross-fund budget appropriation transfers to the Community Services Department (CSD) for the design and construction of the TB Clinic. This approval included an increase of \$10,000,000.00 in both revenue and expenditures to the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health TB Clinic Grant, retroactive to July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.

On June 22, 2023, the District Board of Health accepted the Notice of Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health for the period July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026 in the total amount of \$10,000,000 (no match required) in support of the design and construction of a Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic, and other public health or community and clinical health services offices to serve the residents of Washoe County.

BACKGROUND

Tuberculosis (TB) is a communicable disease that poses a significant public health challenge. To address this issue, NNPH has established a dedicated Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program (TBPCP). The goal of this program is to control the spread of TB by ensuring effective treatment for individuals with active TB disease, identifying and treating those exposed to TB, and managing latent TB infection in high-risk populations.

Due to the age, existing condition and ever increasing costs for maintenance and repair, it was determined that the existing TB Clinic, located at 10 Kirman Avenue, does not meet the NNPH needs and a new building was the best outcome to provide an up-to-date, modern, sustainable facility for the current and future needs of Washoe County. NNPH submitted for and was subsequently awarded a \$10,000,000 grant from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, to support the design and construction of a new TB Clinic in Washoe County. Staff considered several locations and decided the preferred location was the newly purchased West Hills Behavioral Health Hospital located at 1240 E. Ninth Street, Reno.

In accordance with Federal regulations 2 CFR 200.320(b)(2)(iv), the use of competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services was followed. This allowed the use of Washoe County's pre-qualified A&E list, a list of architects and engineers developed to support the delivery of federally funded projects. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services through A/E firms that are a potential source to perform the proposed effort. H&K Architects was identified from the list and was initially issued a professional services agreement in the amount of \$292,000 to allow staff to start design work for the building to meet time constraints of the funding source of December 2026 completion. This contract allowed development of the project design through the design

development phase. The requested scope of work will continue the design through permitting and support construction through the entire project duration.

FISCAL IMPACT

This project is funded through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health TB Clinic Grant. Sufficient budget authority exists in FY24 for this Professional Services Agreement in the Capital Improvement Fund (402), NNPH TB Clinic (PW920604).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve an Agreement for Services between Washoe County and H&K Architects for the Northern Nevada Public Health Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic project [in the amount of \$515,000.00], commencing on June 1, 2024, for architectural and engineering design services necessary to support the project. These services include architecture and interior design, civil, mechanical, electrical, and structural engineering design along with engineering bid support services and engineering construction administration. The TB Clinic will be located at 1240 E. 9th Street and funding for the project comes from a State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services grant (no match required).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve an Agreement for Services between Washoe County and H&K Architects for the Northern Nevada Public Health Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic project [in the amount of \$515,000.00], commencing on June 1, 2024, for architectural and engineering design services necessary to support the project."