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STAFF REPORT

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DATE: Thursday, August 14, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept an FY26 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) grant subawards from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$206,946.00; \$68,982.00 county match; including up to \$7,000 for participant food purchases] for the Adoption Promotion and Support Services, [\$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match] for Family Preservation Services, [\$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match] for Family Reunification Services, and [\$60,500.00; \$20,167.00 county match] for Family Support Services retroactive for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to prevent child maltreatment, enable children to remain safely with their families, and ensure permanency for children in foster care; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant subawards; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept a FY26 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) grant subawards from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$206,946.00; \$68,982.00 county match; including up to \$7,000 for participant food purchases] for the Adoption Promotion and Support Services, [\$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match] for Family Preservation Services, [\$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match] for Family Reunification Services, and [\$60,500.00; \$20,167.00 county match] for Family Support Services retroactive for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to prevent child maltreatment, enable children to remain safely with their families, and ensure permanency for children in foster care; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant subawards; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

The primary goals of Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program are to prevent unnecessary separation of children from their families, improve the quality of care and services to children and their families, and ensure permanency for children by reuniting them with their parents, by adoption, or by another permanent living arrangement. Funds under PSSF are separated into four service categories: Family Preservation, Family Reunification, Family Support, and Adoption

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Promotion and Support. The FY26 Adoption Promotion and Support subgrant award focuses on foster/adoptive parents recruitment/retention, ensuring appropriate and supported placements for children, and training staff on the evidence-based program Trauma-Based Relational Intervention. The FY26 Family Preservation funds will support families with pre-placement services. The FY26 Family Reunification funds will support services for children and families to promote safe, secure, and stable reunification of children with their families. The FY26 Family Support funds will provide services for birth, adoptive, relative placements, and foster families to promote safety, well-being, and normalcy for children. The FY26 PSSF program grant was targeted by the funder to be a continuation of the FY25 program and thus was a continuing application process.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 10, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.C.1, the Department's request to accept the FY25 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant subawards from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$206,946.00; \$68,982.00 county match for the Adoption Promotion and Support Services, \$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match for Family Preservation Services, \$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match for Family Reunification Services, and \$60,500.00; \$20,167.00 county match for Family Support Services retroactive for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

On August 27, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.F.2, the Department's request to accept Amendment #1 to the grant subaward for FY24 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services that increased the award by \$4,620.00; \$1,540.00 county match for Family Support Services and extended the grant award retroactive to July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

On November 14, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.G.4, #8.G.5, #8.G.6, #8.G.7, the Department's request to accept a FY24 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant subawards from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$94,444.00; \$31,482.00 county match for Adoption Promotion and Support Services, \$51,744.00; \$17,248.00 county match for Family Preservation Services; \$54,744.00; \$18,248.00 county match for Family Reunification Services, \$49,744.00; \$16,581.00 county match for Family Support Services retroactive to July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

On August 23, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.F.8, #8.F.4, #8.F.5, #8.F.6, the Department's request to accept a FY23 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant subawards from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$127,890.00; \$42,630.00 county match for Adoption Promotion and Support Services, \$58,800.00; \$19,600.00 county match for Family Preservation Services, \$58,800.00; \$19,600.00 county match for Family Reunification Services, \$58,800.00; \$19,600.00 county match for Family Support Services retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

On April 12, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.E.4, #8.E.3, #8.E.2, the Department's request to accept a FY22 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Supplemental grant subawards from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$150,000.00; no county match for Adoption Promotion and Support Services, \$75,000.00; no county match for Family Preservation Services, and \$75,000.00; no county match for Family Reunification Services, retroactive to February 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

On September 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6.H.5, #6.H.4, #6.H.3, #6.H.2, the Department's request to accept a FY22 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant subawards from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$125,130.00; \$41,710.00 county match for Adoption Promotion & Support Services, \$49,470.00; \$16,490.00 county match for Family Preservation Services, \$55,290.00; \$18,430.00 county match for Family Reunification Services, \$49,470.00; \$16,490.00 county match for Family Support Services retroactive to July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

On July 20, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8.E.2, the Department's request to accept Amendment #1 to the grant subaward for FY21 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services that increased the award amount by \$100,000.00; \$33,333.00 county match for Adoption Promotion and Support Services and extended the grant period retroactive to July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

On August 31, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.G.4 and #5.G.3, the Department's request to accept a FY21 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant subawards from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$31,397.00; \$10,466.00 county match for Family Reunification Services, \$25,856.00; \$8,619.00 for Family Support Services retroactive to July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

On October 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #5.F.5 and #5.F.6, the Department's request to accept a FY21 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$63,102.00; \$21,034.00 county match for Adoption Promotion and Support Services and \$46,172.00; \$15,391.00 county match for Family Preservation Services retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

On September 24, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #18, the Department's request to accept a FY20 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$14,664.00; \$4,881.34 county match for Family Support Services, \$39,938.00; \$13,312.66 county match for Family Preservation Services, \$55,025.00; \$18,341.67 county match for Family Reunification Services, and \$167,603.00; \$55,867.66 county match for Adoption Promotion and Support Services, retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The Board has routinely accepted PSSF funds since 2016.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program is as follows:

- Promote flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families, by protecting and promoting the welfare of all children;
- Prevent the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children;
- Support at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner;
- Promote the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and
- Provide training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.

In accordance with this purpose, the Adoption Promotion and Support funding will support activities to recruit/retain foster and adoptive parents, Home Study/Social Summaries to ensure appropriate child placements, foster parent virtual trainings, staff training on the Trauma-Based Relational Intervention evidence-based program, and direct support services for foster/adoptive families such as document translations, non-Medicaid covered medical/therapeutic expenses, post placement supervision for out of state placements, and housing, transportation, and childcare assistance. The Family Reunification services will assist children and families with direct supportive services such as housing/utility assistance, nutrition, transportation assistance, pre-paid cell phones, respite care/childcare assistance, mental health vouchers, and safety-related items to promote safe and successful reunification of children with their families. The Family Support services will assist children and families to increase the strength, stability, safety, and well-being of children and families with a focus on foster and relative/fictive kin placements. Services include direct supportive services such as assistance with housing and utilities, food/nutrition, transportation, normalcy activities, and safety-related items, as well as support for foster parents through participation in a model program that is designed to develop relationships between foster parents and birth parents, enhance parenting skills of foster parents, and improve retention of foster parents.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #1

Project/Program Name: Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

Scope of the Project: Adoption Promotion and Support Services support safe and stable placements for children in care and the recruitment/retention of foster and adoptive families.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: To provide pre and post adoptive services designed to assist with the adoption process, support foster and adoptive families, and promote and recruit, retain, and acknowledge foster and adoptive families.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$206,946.00 (**\$206,946.00 direct/\$0 indirect**)

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

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 93.556

Grant ID Number: 93556-25-030

Match Amount and Type: \$68,982.00 cash match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Human Services Agency will contract with vendors for the implementation of this program. All contracts will align with the County's procurement policies as well as federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200—Uniform Guidance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and accept these amendments, the Human Services Agency's Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY26 adopted budget will be increased by \$206,946.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12559 -431100	Federal Grants	\$ 206,946.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 206,946.00
IO 12559 -710100	Professional Services	\$ 52,500.00
-710200	Service Contract	\$ 360.00
-710312	Special Dept Expense	\$ 3,000.00
-710503	Licenses & Permits	\$ 500.00
-710509	Seminars and Meeting	\$ 4,900.00
-710546	Advertising	\$ 30,000.00
-710563	Recruitment	\$ 3,500.00
-710577	Uniforms & Special C	\$ 1,000.00
-710726	Home Studies	\$ 37,093.00
-710727	Social Summary	\$ 37,093.00
-710729	Mental Health Assess	\$ 4,000.00
-710734	Residence Assistance	\$ 8,000.00
-710862	Interpreters	\$ 5,000.00
-710872	Food Purchases	\$ 7,000.00
-710874	Pre-Adoption Home	\$ 10,000.00

-711213	Travel – Non County	\$	3,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$	206,946.00

This award requires a cash match of \$68,982.00. The expenditures to meet this match requirement will be posted to IO 60619.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #2

Project/Program Name: Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

Scope of the Project: Family Preservation Services support the prevention of the removal of children from their families.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: To provide services to families in crisis or at risk designed to address common removal issues so children can remain with their families safely in a stable environment.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$67,222.00 (\$67,222.00 direct/\$0 indirect)

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

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 93.556

Grant ID Number: 93556-25-028

Match Amount and Type: \$22,407.00 cash match

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and accept these amendments, Human Services Agency's Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY26 adopted budget will be increased by \$67,222.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12558	-431100 Federal Grants	\$ 67,222.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 67,222.00

IO 12558	-710312	Special Dept Expenses	\$	7,000.00
	-710503	Licenses & Permits	\$	500.00
	-710577	Uniforms & Special C	\$	1,000.00
	-710712	Family Preservation	\$	7,222.00
	-710729	Mental Health Assess	\$	6,500.00
	-710734	Residence Assistance	\$	44,000.00
	-711213	Travel – Non County	\$	1,000.00
		Total Expenditures	\$	67,222.00

This award requires a cash match of \$22,407.00. The expenditures to meet this match requirement will be posted to IO 60618.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #3

Project/Program Name: Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

Scope of the Project: Family Reunification Services support safe, secure, and successful reunification of children with their families.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: To provide services to families where children have been removed that promote the safe, secure, and successful reunification of children with their parents, or another permanent living arrangement.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$67,222.00 (\$67,222.00 direct/\$0 indirect)

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

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 93.556

Grant ID Number: 93556-25-029

Match Amount and Type: \$22,407.00 cash match

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and accept these amendments, Human Services Agency's Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY26 adopted budget will be increased by \$67,222.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12557	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 67,222.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 67,222.00
IO 12557	-710312	Special Dept Expense	\$ 5,000.00
	-710577	Uniforms & Special C	\$ 1,000.00
	-710712	Family Preservation	\$ 2,222.00
	-710729	Mental Health Assess	\$ 20,000.00
	-710734	Residence Assistance	\$ 36,000.00
	-710862	Interpreters	\$ 1,000.00
	-711213	Travel – Non County	\$ 2,000.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 67,222.00

This award requires a cash match of \$22,407.00. The expenditures to meet this match requirement will be posted to IO 60617.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #4

Project/Program Name: Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

Scope of the Project: Family Support Services enhance services that promote the safety and well-being of children and improve permanency outcomes for children.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: To promote and increase the strength, stability, safety, and well-being of children and families with a focus on foster families.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$60,500.00 (\$60,500.00 direct/\$0 indirect)

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

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: 93.556

Grant ID Number: 93556-25-027

Match Amount and Type: \$20,167.00 cash match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Human Services Agency will contract with a vendor for the implementation of this program. All contracts will align with the County's procurement policies as well as federal grant procurement guidelines as defined in 2 CFR 200—Uniform Guidance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and accept these amendments, the Human Services Agency's Child Protective Services Fund (228) FY26 adopted budget will be increased by \$60,500.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 12556	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 60,500.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 60,500.00
IO 12556	-710100	Professional Services	\$ 22,000.00
	-710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 500.00
	-710312	Special Dept Expenses	\$ 7,000.00
	-710503	Licenses & Permits	\$ 500.00
	-710563	Recruitment	\$ 3,000.00
	-710577	Uniforms & Special C	\$ 1,000.00
	-710729	Mental Health Assess	\$ 8,000.00
	-710734	Residence Assistance	\$ 17,000.00
	-711213	Travel – Non County	\$ 1,500.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 60,500.00

This award requires a cash match of \$20,167.00. The expenditures to meet this match requirement will be posted to IO 60616.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept a FY26 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) grant subawards from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$206,946.00; \$68,982.00 county match; including up to \$7,000 for participant food purchases] for the Adoption Promotion and Support Services, [\$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match] for Family Preservation Services, [\$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match] for Family Reunification Services, and [\$60,500.00; \$20,167.00 county match] for Family Support Services retroactive for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to prevent child maltreatment, enable children to remain safely with their families, and ensure permanency for children in foster care; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant subawards; 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 a FY26 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) grant subawards from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$206,946.00; \$68,982.00 county match; including up to \$7,000 for participant food purchases] for the Adoption Promotion and Support Services, [\$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match] for Family Preservation Services, [\$67,222.00; \$22,407.00 county match] for Family Reunification Services, and [\$60,500.00; \$20,167.00 county match] for Family Support Services retroactive for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to prevent child maltreatment, enable children to remain safely with their families, and ensure permanency for children in foster care; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant subawards; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."*