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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 27, 2024

DATE: May 20 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney
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THROUGH: Christopher Hicks, District Attorney

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept \$200,000.00 in donations from the Molina Foundation to the District Attorney's Office for the benefit of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada operational costs such as training, supplies, and travel; and authorize Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada received a donation from the Molina Foundation primarily to assist with the training of therapists in order to meet the National Children's Alliance accreditation standard required of Child Advocacy Centers. Furthermore, these funds will be used for outreach supplies and travel to the Pinwheel outreach event

The Board of County Commissioners must accept the donations, approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments per Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(d).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action

BACKGROUND

It is the mission of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada to help and heal children who have been victims of sexual abuse and exploitation through community advocacy and supporting the work of the various agencies that work to address this issue in our community. Ultimately, it is our goal to use the institutions of our community to minimize the impact of childhood traumas related to sexual abuse and exploitation and contribute meaningfully to positive lifelong outcomes for the children we serve.

In 2017, Nevada established a state chapter to support CACs statewide. In doing so, Nevada joined a national movement to change the model of how child abuse cases are investigated and prosecuted. All of Nevada's CACs are members of the National

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Children’s Alliance and recognized at one of their three accreditation levels. This ensures the use of the highest standards and best practices for children and their families in every CAC.

This funding will be used primarily to train mental health professionals who serve the Child Advocacy Centers in Nevada so that the CACs may meet the National Children’s Alliance accreditation standards. Standard #6 requires evidence-based, trauma-focused mental health services, designed to meet the unique needs of the child and caregivers, are consistently available as part of the multidisciplinary team response.

Additionally, a small portion of the funds will be used for outreach such as the annual pinwheel planting at the four Child Advocacy Centers in Nevada (Washoe, Elko, Clark, and Pahrump).

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept the funding; a Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendment of \$200,000 in Internal Order 20539 is required to bring the adopted budget in alignment with the funding amount as follows:

Internal Order	G/L	Purpose	Amount
20539	484000	Donations, Contributions	\$200,000
20539	710509	Seminars and Meetings	\$195,000
20539	710350	Supplies	4,000
20539	711210	Travel	1,000
			<u>\$200,000</u>

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept \$200,000.00 in donations from the Molina Foundation to the District Attorney’s Office for the benefit of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada operational costs such as training, supplies, and travel; and authorize Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to accept \$200,000.00 in donations from the Molina Foundation to the District Attorney’s Office for the benefit of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada operational costs such as training, supplies, and travel; and authorize Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.”