



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *June 24, 2025*

**DATE:** May 28, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept the FY25 Fund for a Resilient Nevada subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in the amount of [\$69,066.00; no county match] to provide Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) services and timely substance abuse disorder evaluations and treatment as elements part of the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) evidence-based program, retroactive for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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### **SUMMARY**

The Washoe County Human Services Agency recommends acceptance of a FY25 Fund for a Resilient Nevada subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in the amount of [\$69,066.00; no county match] to provide Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) services and timely substance abuse disorder evaluations and treatment as elements part of the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) evidence-based program, retroactive for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Vulnerable Populations

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

There are no previous actions associated with this funding.

### **BACKGROUND**

Washoe County Human Services Agency has been supporting behavioral health services for clients with substance use issues since FY03 by providing services to parents with children who have been placed in the child welfare system by the Agency due to child abuse and/or neglect related to substance abuse.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

This grant funding supports a Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) and timely substance abuse evaluations and treatment through implementation of the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) evidence-based model program. START assists and empowers parents of children ages 0 to 5 struggling with substance use disorders (SUD) by identifying main concerns, developing collaborative care plans that include measurable goals and objectives, and by providing clients with peer support from individuals with lived experiences. The PRSS is a mentor, companion, resource broker, community tour guide, educator, and advocate for clients. The PRSS guides clients toward long-term behavioral change through intensive mentorship and support through the stages of change with sobriety. START requires SUD evaluations and treatment initiated within a short timeframe. Contractors identified in the NOSA have been vetted and have the capacity to meet this timeframe.

The Agency will collect and report on the data required for the subaward. Data collection will include family demographics, date of referral to START program, substance use evaluations, treatment, PRSS case management details, selection of appropriate interventions, and community referrals.

The funding includes 5% for administrative expenses calculated into the total subaward amount, pursuant to NRS 433.712 through 433.744. Administrative expenses include but are not limited to implementation or operation of opioid recovery programs. The 5% administrative expenses are labeled as Indirect Costs on the NOSA despite grant funding not allowable for indirect costs, nor County allowable due to no personnel funded through the project. The administrative expenses will be applied to operating expenses.

This grant is funded through NRS 433.712 to 433.744, is specific to the state's portion of the opioid litigation recoveries and supports clients involved with Child Protection Services who have opioid use and misuse issues.

The Notice of Subaward for this grant was received by the Human Services Agency on May 21, 2025; therefore, retroactive approval is requested.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** FRN Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START)  
Substance Use Treatment & Recovery Services

**Scope of the Project:** To provide Peer Recovery Support Specialist services and timely SUD evaluations and treatment for clients with opioid use/misuse/disorder issues.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Support for clean and sober parenting

**On-Going Program Support:** Project Period 2 is for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 and received through a continuing application and budget process, which was submitted April 15, 2025. The Agency is awaiting notification of subaward. If future funding is reduced or discontinued, HSA will seek other funding sources to support services or reduce or eliminate services.

**Award Amount:** \$69,066.00 direct/\$0.00 indirect  
**Grant Period:** January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025  
**Funding Source:** State Opioid Litigation Recoveries  
**Pass Through Entity:** State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** N/A

**Grant ID Number:** DO 1555

**Match Amount and Type:** Match is not required

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The Human Services Agency will contract with community providers for certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists and qualified substance use evaluations and treatment providers. 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 approve these amendments, the FY25 Human Services Agency, Children Services Fund (228) adopted budget will be increased by \$69,066.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/Decrease</u>
IO 12533 - 432100	State Grants	\$ 69,066.00
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 69,066.00</b>
IO 12533 - 710100	Professional Services	\$ 45,777.00
- 710730	Substance Abuse Assessment	\$ 20,000.00
- 710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 3,289.00
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 69,066.00</b>

This grant award has no county match requirement. Indirect is not grant allowable but the funding has a required 5% for administrative expenses.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to accept the FY25 Fund for a Resilient Nevada subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in the amount of [\$69,066.00; no county match] to provide Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) services and timely substance abuse disorder evaluations and treatment as elements part of the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) evidence-based program,

retroactive for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant documents; 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 the FY25 Fund for a Resilient Nevada subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in the amount of [\$69,066.00; no county match] to provide Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) services and timely substance abuse disorder evaluations and treatment as elements part of the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) evidence-based program, retroactive for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”*