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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025

DATE: January 22, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a grant award from Community Solutions International for the Built for Zero Housed for the Holidays program to address unique barriers for homeless veterans to housing and to promote stability that other resources cannot cover; in the amount of [\$30,000.00, no county match] retroactive to December 2, 2024 through March 2, 2025; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

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Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 22, 2023, the Board accepted item 6.D.1, the Agency's request to accept a grant award from the Community Solutions International in the amount of \$50,000.00 to provide funding for application fees, increased security deposits, background checks and legal fees to seal evictions for people experiencing homelessness retroactive from April 17, 2023 to April 17, 2024.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County has participated in and served as the lead entity for the Built for Zero initiative since January of 2020. The Built for Zero initiative aims to end homelessness for all through coordination of the service delivery system and data centralization.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Through Washoe County's participation in the Built for Zero initiative, a funding proposal was submitted and approved to provide funding for the expansion and specialization to address the unique barriers for homeless veterans to housing and promote stability that other resources are unable to provide. This funding will support Washoe County in its effort to provide homeless veterans with a variety of services including, but not limited to, rental assistance deposits, utilities, moving assistance, and storage units, and bring past due accounts current during the upcoming holiday season.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: FY25 Built for Zero Housed for the Holidays

Scope of the Project: To address unique barriers for homeless veterans to housing and to promote stability that other resources cannot cover.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This funding addresses the specific and unique needs in accessing services for some of Washoe County's most vulnerable populations.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Grant Period: December 2, 2024 to March 2, 2025

Funding Source: Community Solutions International

Pass Through Entity: N/A

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: No match required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award, the FY25 Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund (F223), adopted budget will be increased by \$30,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 29061 - 484195	Non-gov Grants	\$ 30,000.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 30,000.00
IO 29061 - 710734	Residential Assistance	\$ 30,000.00

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RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to accept a grant award from Community Solutions International for the Built for Zero Housed for the Holidays program to address unique barriers for homeless veterans to housing and to promote stability that other resources cannot cover; in the amount of [\$30,000.00, no county match] retroactive to December 2, 2024 through March 2, 2025; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."*