



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 18, 2025

**DATE:** Thursday, November 13, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to: (1) accept an Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and City of Reno in the amount of [\$77,840.00; no county match] retroactively for the period of September 10, 2025 to December 31, 2026 in support of the CrossRoads Programming and Peer Support Specialist Academy, and retroactively authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement; (2) approve an increase to the CrossRoads Operator contract with The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) in the amount of [\$47,840] to support the CrossRoads Peer Support Specialist Academy; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

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These funds will be used to provide a partnership that would result in ten (10) priority bed placements split between the men's and women's CrossRoads campuses and the development of the CrossRoads Peer Recovery Support Specialist Academy in partnership with RISE. This academy will provide Reno Municipal Court's Co-Occurring Disorders program and Fresh Start Treatment Program to act as internship site placements.

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

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On May 20, 2025, the Board awarded a contract resulting from Request For Proposal (RFP) 3266-24 for CrossRoads Operator to the most responsive and responsible bidder, The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE). CrossRoads is a tiered, supportive, alcohol and drug-free housing approach with targeted and intensive case management services focused on life skills development, workforce readiness, community linkage, and physical and behavioral health. Under this contract, RISE will provide staffing, program management and administrative oversight for the various CrossRoads locations, including Men's CrossRoads, Women's CrossRoads and Women and Children's CrossRoads. The contract will be awarded for the initial term of twenty-four (24) months commencing July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed [\$1,938,186] for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and [\$2,006,023] for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, with the provision for up to three (3), one (1) year renewals.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Reno is a beneficiary of the One Nevada Agreement, a statewide opioid settlement. Under this agreement, the City is authorized to use and allocate its share of the recovered funds for a variety of opioid remediation efforts. Managed through the City's dedicated Opioid Recoveries Special Revenue Fund, allocations are subject to strict usage and annual reporting requirements. The proposed initiatives represent a comprehensive approach to address the impacts of opioid misuse across multiple sectors of the community. Recommended fund recipient proposals seek to enhance public awareness, strengthen recovery efforts and partnerships, support City of Reno departments in providing warm handoffs, and expand the tools available for response and prevention. The proposals also align with the City's public safety strategic and housing strategic priorities and overall community health.

On August 27, 2025, the City of Reno Council approved the Opioid Recoveries Special Revenue Fund allocation to the Reno Municipal Court for the Peer Support Specialist Academy in the total amount of \$77,840.00. This allocation will establish a partnership between Reno Municipal Court and Washoe County's men and women's CrossRoads program, this initiative secures 10 priority bed placements, divided between men's and women's campuses, for Municipal Court program participants. This initiative will not only provide housing but also develop a CrossRoads Peer Recovery Support Specialist Academy, where Reno Municipal Court's Co-occurring Disorders Program and Fresh Start Treatment Program would act as internship site placements. Peer support in justice settings is an evidence-based practice that promotes long-term recovery from substance use and mental health disorders, improves court compliance, and strengthens relationships between staff and participants. As paid, part-time interns, Peers will engage and support program participants by providing behavioral health resources and prosocial opportunities to build recovery capital. Interns will also attend specialty court staffing to share lived-experience insights and collaborate on participant progress. Weekly supervision with a CrossRoads Peer Recovery Support Specialist will offer training in crisis intervention, harm reduction, motivational interviewing, and case-specific guidance.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this interlocal contract, the FY26 Human Services Agency's Homeless and Housing Fund (F223) adopted budget will be increased by \$77,840.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

| <u>Account Number</u> |         | <u>Description</u>         | <u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u> |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| IO 61224              | -485100 | Reimbursements             | \$38,920.00                          |
| IO 61225              | -485100 | Reimbursements             | \$38,920.00                          |
|                       |         | <b>Total Revenue</b>       | <b>\$77,840.00</b>                   |
|                       |         |                            |                                      |
| IO 61224              | -710100 | Professional Services      | \$23,920.00                          |
| IO 61225              | -710100 | Professional Services      | \$23,920.00                          |
| IO 61224              | -710312 | Special Department Expense | \$15,000.00                          |
| IO 61225              | -710312 | Special Department Expense | \$15,000.00                          |
|                       |         | <b>Total Expenditures</b>  | <b>\$77,840.00</b>                   |

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to: (1) accept an Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and City of Reno in the amount of [\$77,840.00; no county match] retroactively for the period of September 10, 2025 to December 31, 2026 in support of the CrossRoads Programming and Peer Support Specialist Academy, and retroactively authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement; (2) approve an increase to the CrossRoads Operator contract with The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) in the amount of [\$47,840] to support the CrossRoads Peer Support Specialist Academy; 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: (1) accept an Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and City of Reno in the amount of [\$77,840.00; no county match] retroactively for the period of September 10, 2025 to December 31, 2026 in support of the CrossRoads Programming and Peer Support Specialist Academy, and retroactively authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement; (2) approve an increase to the CrossRoads Operator contract with The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) in the amount of [\$47,840] to support the CrossRoads Peer Support Specialist Academy; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."*