



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 31, 2020

DATE: July 31, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve and execute the 2021 Agreement to Use Account for Affordable Housing Welfare Set-Aside Program by Washoe County between Washoe County and the Nevada Housing Division of the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry in the amount of [\$181,341; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 to provide emergency housing assistance; direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Approval is needed for the Agency to accept and execute the 2021 Agreement to Use Account for Affordable Housing Welfare Set-Aside Program by Washoe County between Washoe County and the Nevada Housing Division of the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry in the amount of [\$181,341; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 to provide emergency housing assistance.

This program was formerly known as the Low-Income Housing Trust Fund (LIHTF) but is now the Account for Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AAHTF).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 27, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #16, the Department's request to accept Account for Affordable Housing Trust Funds in the amount of \$181,341 for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

On September 25, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #6.K.3, the Department's request to accept Low-Income Housing Trust Funds for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On July 11, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #8, the Department's request to accept Low-Income Housing Trust Funds for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners has approved agreements for LIHTF set-aside funding since approximately 1990.

BACKGROUND

This program was formerly known as the Low-Income Housing Trust Fund (LIHTF) and is now known as the Account for Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AAHTF). The Nevada Legislature increased the Low-Income Housing Trust Fund (LIHTF) in 1989. Fifteen percent of the LIHTF was set-aside to provide emergency housing assistance for individuals and families with children. This grant provides assistance to families and seniors in danger of becoming homeless or who are homeless and are in need of assistance with utilities, security deposits, rent or a mortgage payment. These funds are provided to each county in the state. For FY21-23, Washoe County is eligible for AAHTF Welfare Set Aside funds totaling \$181,341.

Acceptance of this award is retroactive as the Agency received the award notice on July 27, 2020.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Human Service Agency Account for Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program

Scope of the Project: This grant provides assistance to families and seniors that are in danger of becoming homeless or who are homeless and are in need to assistance with utilities, security deposits, rent or a mortgage payment.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Decreasing homelessness in our community.

On-Going Program Support: The Agency will continue to seek funding through the AAHTF program.

Award Amount: \$181,341 (**\$181,341 direct/\$0 indirect**)

Grant Period: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023

Funding Source: State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry
Nevada Housing Division

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: 2021

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY21 Human Services Agency Child Protective Services Fund (228) adopted budget will be increased by \$181,341 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11722	- 432100	State Grants	\$ 181,341.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 181,341.00
IO 11722	- 710734	Residence Assistance	\$ 181,341.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 181,341.00

This grant has no county match and there are no indirect costs as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve and execute the 2021 Agreement to Use Account for Affordable Housing Welfare Set-Aside Program by Washoe County between Washoe County and the Nevada Housing Division of the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry in the amount of [\$181,341; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 to provide emergency housing assistance; direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve and execute the 2021 Agreement to Use Account for Affordable Housing Welfare Set-Aside Program by Washoe County between Washoe County and the Nevada Housing Division of the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry in the amount of [\$181,341; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 to provide emergency housing assistance; direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments.