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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 23, 2016

DATE: August 3, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Department of Social Services
ahowell@washoecounty.us (775) 785.8600
THROUGH: Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager
SUBJECT: Accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$206,835.00] (no County match required) from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, to assist the Department of Social Services with the Adoption Incentive program. Authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Department is requesting approval to accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$206,835.00]. The grant funds will assist the Department of Social Services with the Adoption Incentive program and will be used to support ongoing foster/adoptive recruitment, parental rights, mediation services and adoption placement costs.

Strategic Objectives supported by this item: Safe, Secure & Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 12th, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners accepted a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$175,500.00 (no County match required) to assist the Department of Social Services with the Adoption Incentive program.

On October 13, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners accepted a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$99,500.00 (no County match required) to support an adoption awareness campaign.

On September 9th, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive a re-award of \$277,472 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds.

The Board has routinely accepted Federal Adoption Incentive Funds since 2004.

BACKGROUND

Federal Adoption Incentive Grant Funds are passed through the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to support child welfare efforts in the area of foster care, adoption recruitment, and training. These funds may be utilized for services to children and families awaiting adoption, post adoption services, and specialized recruitment and training for the adoption program. Washoe County Department of Social Services has routinely utilized these funds to assist with travel and transition costs for adoptive placement, post placement supervision in other states, foster and adoptive recruitment and finalization activities, staff professional development, and assistance with non-Medicaid covered medical expenses.

This program was originally established as part of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 and has been reauthorized and revised several times since, most recently as part of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act. A key change is the renaming of the program to Federal Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive Program.

In fiscal year 2014-15 the Department of Social Services finalized 114 adoptions and in fiscal year 2015-16 the Department finalized 122 adoptions.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Department of Social Services
Adoption Services

Scope of the Project: The Federal Adoption Incentive Funds are awarded in support of child welfare efforts in the areas of foster care, adoption recruitment and training. Social Services plans to use these funds to assist with travel and transition costs for adoptive placement, post placement supervision in other states, foster and adoptive recruitment and finalization activities, staff professional development, post adoption services, assistance with non-Medicaid covered medical expenses and media campaign efforts to highlight adoption and the need for adoptive homes in our community.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program allows children to find permanent adoptive homes reducing the number of children in foster care in Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: *n/a*

Award Amount: *[\$206,835.00]*

Grant Period: *October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017*

Funding Source: *Department of Health & Human Services
 Administration for Children & Families*

Pass through Entity: *State of Nevada
 Division of Child and Family Services*

CFDA Number: *93.603*

Grant ID Number: *State: 15-AI-17-012, Federal: 1501NVAIPP*

Match Amount and Type: *Not required*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *To be procured as needed.*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board authorize acceptance of this grant award, the Department’s FY17 adopted budget will be increased in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO TBD	431100 – Federal Grants	\$206,835.00
IO TBD	710712 - Family Preservation	\$6,835.00
IO TBD	701110 - Base Sal. (Personnel)	\$100,000.00
IO TBD	710100 - Contractual	\$100,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “move to accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$206,835.00] (no County match required), from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, to assist the Department of Social Services with the Adoption Incentive program. Authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”

State of Nevada - Division of Child and Family Services
4126 Technology Way, 3rd Floor
Carson City, NV 89706

Notice of Sub-Grant Award

DCFS Contact:	Dorothy Edwards	DCFS Contact Phone Number:	775-684-7956
Program:	Adoption Incentive (AI)	CFDA Number:	93.603
State Award Number:	15-AI-17-012	Budget:	3229
		Account:	31
Type of Action:	NEW 2017		
Legal Name:	Washoe County Department of Social Services	Vendor Number:	T40283400 A
Project Name:	UNR Adoption Awareness Campaign	Mailing Address:	PO Box 11130
Contact Person:	Amber Howell		Reno, NV 89520-0027
Email Address:	ahowell@washoecounty.us		
Phone Number:	775-785-5652	Project Address:	350 S. Center Street
Fax Number:	775-785-5640		Reno, NV 89502

Award Period	October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017	Federal Award Number
2017	October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017	1501NVAIPP

Approved Categories and Budget by Year:

Category	2017				TOTAL
Personnel	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
Operating	\$6,835	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,835
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
Other (Admin)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total State Share	\$206,835	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$206,835
Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Program Cost	\$206,835	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$206,835

In accepting these grant funds, it is understood that:

1. Expenditures must comply with appropriate State and/or Federal regulations.
2. This award is subject to the availability of appropriate funds.
3. Grantee agrees to provide an independent financial and compliance audit in accordance with State and Federal requirements.
4. Recipients of these funds agree to the stipulations in the attached Additional Requirements document.

Washoe County Department of Social Services	Authorized Signature:	Date:
DCFS FPO Grants Management Unit	Authorized Signature:	Date:
DCFS Administration	Authorized Signature:	Date: