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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 13, 2016

**DATE:** August 24, 2016  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Amber Howell, Director, Social Services  
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**THROUGH:** Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a Chafee Sub-Grant Award from the State of Nevada - Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$250,000 Match of \$62,500], retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to support youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency; authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award. (All Commission Districts).

### SUMMARY

The Department is recommending the Board approve a Chafee Sub-Grant Award from the State of Nevada - Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$250,000 Match of \$62,500], retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to support youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency; authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award.

Grant funds will be used to support youth making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency. Acceptance of this award is retroactive as the Department received the award in August 2016.

**Washoe County Priority/Goal supported by this item:** Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 22, 2016 2014 the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to accept \$25,000 in additional Federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) retroactively to July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to assist youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency and authorized food and travel so that youth and staff could attend the annual statewide ILP conference, the annual Daniel Memorial Conference and directed the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Item 6.A

AGENDA ITEM # 8

On September 9, 2014 the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to accept \$91,500 in additional Federal Chafee funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) retroactively to July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to assist youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency and authorized food and travel so that youth and staff could attend the annual statewide ILP conference, the annual Daniel Memorial Conference and directed the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Item 8.E.1

On March 25, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to accept \$45,561 in additional Federal Chafee funds from the State of Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to assist youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency and authorized food and travel so that the youth and staff may attend the annual statewide Independent Living Program (ILP) conference, the annual Daniel Memorial Conference and the Ropes Program; and, further authorized the Department to expend the grant revenue and directed Finance to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Item 17.D

On June 11, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to accept \$97,000 in additional Federal Chafee funds from the State of Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to assist youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency retroactively from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; authorize travel so that the youth and staff may attend the annual statewide ILP conference in Las Vegas and the Daniel Memorial Conference in Orlando, Florida; authorize the Department to expend the grant revenue; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Item 6.J.2

### **BACKGROUND**

The State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services awards federal Chafee funding to support child welfare agencies in transitioning foster children from out of home care into the community. The Federal John H. Chafee foster care act authorizes flexible funding to children who will remain in foster care until age 18.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Washoe County Department of Social Services  
Independent Living Program.

**Scope of the Project:** Assist youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The program assist youth aging out of the foster care system with developing the skills and tools necessary to become contributing citizens of Washoe County.

**On-Going Program Support:** The Department has received Chafee funding from the Division of Child and Family Services to operate the Independent Living program since 2003.

**Award Amount:** \$250,000

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2016 through June 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:** 93.674

**Grant ID Number:** CH-17-020

**Match Amount and Type:** \$62,500 (FAFFY Grant Match)

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** The Department will contract for ongoing implementation and operation of the Independent Living Program in accordance with Washoe County Purchasing Policy and §2 CFR 200.22.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award, no budget amendments will be necessary as the Department budgeted for the FY17 Chafee award in IO10138 \$250,000. The Federal match for this award is \$62,500 in internal order 10119. We do not charge indirect costs to this grant.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Department is recommending to approve a Chafee Sub-Grant Award from the State of Nevada - Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$250,000 Match of \$62,500], retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to support youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency; authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award.

#### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve a Chafee Sub-Grant Award from the State of Nevada - Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$250,000 Match of \$62,500], retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to support youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency; authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award.”*