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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: September 27, 2016

DATE: Wednesday, September 14, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Social Services
 775-785-8600, AHowell@washoecounty.us

THROUGH: Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Accept a Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) Sub-Grant award from the State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$15,000; no County Match required], retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to conduct a safety assessment for the purpose of developing and establishing improved operating systems as it relates to the assessment and investigation of child abuse and neglect, and authorize the Department to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Department recommends the Board accept a Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) Sub-Grant award from the State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$15,000; no County Match required], retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to conduct a safety assessment for the purpose of developing and establishing improved operating systems as it relates to the assessment and investigation of child abuse and neglect, and authorize the Department to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Grant funds will be used to fund the contract to conduct the safety assessment.

The Department is requesting the Board of Commissioners retroactively accept the grant award due to receipt of grant award on August 31, 2016.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

AGENDA ITEM # 5. E.

BACKGROUND

Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants are awarded to support and improve child protective services systems.

Based on the activities in Washoe County since the implementation of the SAFE Model, Washoe County will now be conducting a safety assessment to better assess and improve the child abuse and neglect treatment activities, frontline practices and community based programs

The assessment will assist in understanding needs and gaps in the frontline practice, management/ organization roles, community partner involvement (including the judicial), and the overall system capacity. The assessment will in turn assist in the development and implementation of programs to improve assessment, investigation, and prosecution of cases around child abuse and neglect including fatalities and cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Safety Assessment

Scope of the Project: Conduct a safety assessment for the purpose of developing and establishing improved operating systems as it relates to the assessment and investigation of child abuse and neglect.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Assessment results will assist in the development and implementation of programs to improve assessment, investigation, and prosecution of cases around child abuse and neglect including fatalities and cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

On-Going Program Support: Funding was identified for a one time use to conduct a safety assessment. CJA funding continues for other areas within the Department.

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

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: 93.669

Grant ID Number: 14-CANS-17-003

Match Amount and Type: No Match Required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The CANS grant will be used to support the Affinity Solutions contract for needs assessment which was procured in accordance with Washoe County Purchasing Policy and §2 CFR 200.22.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award, the adopted budget will be amended by \$15,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
11322-431100	Federal Grants	\$15,000
11322-710100	Professional Services	\$14,500
11322-710300	Operating Supplies	\$500

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept a Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) Sub-Grant award from the State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$15,000.00; no County Match required], retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to conduct a safety assessment for the purpose of developing and establishing improved operating systems as it relates to the assessment and investigation of child abuse and neglect, and authorize the Department to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be:
“Move to accept a Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) Sub-Grant award from the State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$15,000.00; no County Match required], retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to conduct a safety assessment for the purpose of developing and establishing improved operating systems as it relates to the assessment and investigation of child abuse and neglect, and authorize the Department to execute the sub-grant award and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.”

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

RICHARD WHITLEY, MS
Director

KELLY WOOLDRIDGE
Administrator



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August 31, 2016

Ms. Amber Howell
Washoe County Department of Social Services
PO Box 11130
Reno, NV 89520-0027

Subject: Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS)

Dear Ms. Howell:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been awarded Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS) sub grant funding for State Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) as indicated below.

	<u>Total Award</u>
Child Abuse and Neglect:	\$ 15,000

If you accept the award, please sign and return the attached Notice of Sub grant Award (NOSA). Please also take the time to read and review the attached Award Notice Instructions and templates to help guide you.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact James Thorne at 775-684-4426.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Thorne".

James T. Thorne
Grants & Projects Analyst II

cc: # 14-CANS-17-003 file

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:	James Thorne	DCFS Contact Phone Number:	775-684-4426
Program:	Child Abuse and Neglect (CANS)	CFDA Number:	93.669
State Award Number:	14-CANS-17-003	Budget:	3145
Type of Action:	NEW	Account:	12
Legal Name:	Washoe County Dept. of Social Services	DUNS #:	73786998
Project Name:	Safety Assessment	Tax ID:	88-6000138
Contact Person:	Amber Howell	Vendor #:	T40283400A
Email Address:	Ahowell@washoecounty.us	Mailing Address:	PO Box 11130
Phone Number:	775-337-4488	Address:	Reno, NV 89502
Fax Number:	775-785-5640	Project Address:	350 S. Center Street
		Address:	Reno, NV 89502

Award Period:	July 1, 2016 THROUGH June 30, 2017	Federal Award Number
SFY 2017	July 1, 2016 THROUGH June 30, 2017	G-1401NVCA01
	N/A	
	N/A	
	N/A	

Approved Categories and Budget by Year:

Category	SFY 2017				TOTAL
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual	\$14,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,500
Indirect Cost Rate	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (Admin)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total State Share	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Program Cost	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000

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 Dept. of Social Services	Authorized Signature:	Date:
DCFS FPO Grants Management Unit	Authorized Signature:	Date:
DCFS Administration	Authorized Signature:	Date:

Budget Request and Justification Form

Date:	8/26/2016
Agency Name:	Washoe County Dept Social Services
Project Name:	Safety Assessment
Grant Award Name:	CANS

Budget Request and Justification

Budget Categories	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual	\$14,500	\$0	\$0	\$14,500
Indirect Cost Rate	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (Admin)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total + Match	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000

Justification:

Funds will provide the opportunity to conduct a safety assessment to better assess and improve the child abuse and neglect treatment activities, frontline practices and community based programs.

State Award Number: 14-CANS-17-003

SCOPE OF WORK FORM CANS

AGENCY/LEGAL NAME: Washoe County Department of Social Services

PROJECT NAME: Safety Assessment

DATE: July 6, 2016

STATE AWARD NUMBER: 14-CANS-17-003

Target Population: Child welfare stakeholders

Goal: Global Problem Statement	Objective and Timeframe:	Documentation: (How will it be measured?)	Projected Services #:	Cost:
<p>Washoe County will be conducting a safety assessment to better assess and improve the child abuse and neglect treatment activities, frontline practices and community based programs.</p>	<p>Estimated completion date: January 15, 2017</p> <p>Identify improvement strategies, to include short-term and long-term outcomes and an actionable plan for improved safety, in-home services and a more robust safety provider network.</p> <p>The Safety Assessment will examine practice, services, gap in services, identified community need and interventions along the entire child welfare continuum. It will include both an analysis of quantitative and qualitative data sources. The quantitative method will provide the context for overall trends and patterns across the agency's population present over the past five years.</p>	<p>Complete Safety Assessment</p> <p>Self-administered surveys - Respondents will include human services support specialists, social workers, supervisors, managers, birth families, foster/adoptive parents, former foster youth, service providers and community partners.</p> <p>Focus Groups - Stakeholder Interviews - community providers, assessment workers, supervisors and Human Services Support Specialists</p>	<p>Assess and improve the child abuse and neglect treatment activities.</p> <p>Improve the skills, qualifications, and availability of individuals providing services to children and families,</p> <p>Improve the case management, delivery of services and treatment provided to children and their families</p> <p>Identify enhancements needed for community based programs to address child abuse and neglect amongst parents, community based programs and the child welfare agency.</p>	<p>Contractual Project Expense. Estimating 6 months. Contractual: \$14,500</p> <p>Additional operating expense for supplies. Operating: \$500</p>

	The qualitative method will provide us with more in-depth feedback and context for the statistically observed trends			
Sub Total				Contractual: \$14,500 Operating: \$500
TOTAL				\$15,000