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**STAFF REPORT**  
**BOARD MEETING DATE: December 13, 2016**

**DATE:** December 6, 2016  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Amber Howell Director, Department of Social Services  
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**THROUGH:** Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Accept two Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services for the Crisis Stabilization Response Safety and Services Intervention Team in the amount [\$200,658; \$50,165 County match] for the period retroactive to July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; for the Placement Services and Support Team in the amount of [\$120,923; \$30,231 County match] for the period retroactive to July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; authorize the creation of 2.0 FTE Social Worker III, 1.0 FTE Human Services Support Specialist II, 1.0 FTE Mental Health Counselor, and 1.0 FTE Office Support Specialist funded 100% by the VOCA, direct the Human Resources Department to make the necessary staffing adjustments and initiate the recruitment process, authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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## SUMMARY

The Department is requesting the Board accept two Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services for the Crisis Stabilization Response Safety and Services Intervention Team in the amount [\$200,658; \$50,165 County match] for the period retroactive to July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; for the Placement Services and Support Team in the amount of [\$120,923; \$30,231 County match] for the period retroactive to July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; authorize the creation of 2.0 FTE Social Worker III, 1.0 FTE Human Services Support Specialist II, 1.0 FTE Mental Health Counselor, and 1.0 FTE Office Support Specialist funded 100% by the VOCA, direct the Human Resources Department to make the necessary staffing adjustments and initiate the recruitment process, authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. The award is being accepted retroactively as the Department received the Notice of Subgrant Award from the State on December 6, 2016.

**Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

**AGENDA ITEM #** 12

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On July 26, 2016 the Board accepted a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$1,765,819 (\$441,445 in-kind match required) for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program retroactively to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; authorize the creation of 1.0 FTE Victims Advocate, 1.0 FTE Human Services Program Supervisor, 1.0 FTE Program Assistant, and 1.0 FTE CPS Intake Screener funded 100% by the VOCA award in the approximate annual amount of \$440,686, direct the Human Resources Department to make the necessary staffing adjustments and initiate the recruitment process, authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

On July 28, 2015 the Board accepted a VOCA grant in the amount of \$115,000 (\$28,750 County match required) effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and authorized an agreement with the Committee to Aid Abused Women to perform services outlined in the VOCA grant in the amount of \$68,750 annually.

On June 26, 2012, the Board accepted a VOCA grant in the amount of \$272,400 (\$68,100 County match required) effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015 and authorized an agreement with the Committee to Aid Abused Women to perform services outlined in the VOCA grant in the amount of \$68,750 annually.

The Board has routinely accepted VOCA funds since October, 2005.

## **BACKGROUND**

A Federal Child and Family Services Review in 2004 found a lack of understanding of the impact of violence on children and families. In response to this critical area of need, the Department received permission from Finance in 2005 to apply for VOCA grant funds to provide direct services to children, adolescents, and their non-offending parents and siblings.

The primary purpose of VOCA is to support the provision of services to victims of crime throughout the nation. According to the VOCA Program Guidelines, services are defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; (3) help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. For the purpose of the VOCA crime victim assistance grant program, a crime victim is a person who has suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of a crime.

In prior years the Department contracted with the Committee to Aid Abused Women (CAAW) to provide a full-time domestic violence advocate to work with the Department in providing services to victims of child abuse and/or domestic violence. Department staff have worked with the domestic violence advocate to develop and implement a joint response

service model for child abuse and domestic violence cases to enhance the safety and wellbeing of children and their non-offending parents. Previous grant awards also supported assistance to victims with crisis intervention services, temporary housing, utilities, transportation, childcare and emergency food and personal items.

Due to the increase of funding available, the current grant award will provide services and assistance to any type of crime victim and is not limited to those victims of domestic violence as previous awards have been. Primary goals include:

- Provide a safety and security measure for victimized children who were removed from their homes and placed into the custody of WCDSS due to abuse and/or neglect. Having a safe, neutral, nurturing place for victimized children who are placed outside of the parental home with biological parents, extended family members, and foster parents is essential to maintaining stability in the child victims lives.
- Improve permanency for child victims in foster care by decreasing the amount of time it takes for child victims in foster care to achieve permanency and find permanent caregivers or connections for child victims where reunification is not possible, by providing Safety Intervention Services.
- Provide safety, security and stability for children, adult males and females and elders, including underserved populations who are victims of: child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, financial crimes, robbery, assault, adult victims of molestation, economic exploitation, fraud, federal crimes, survivors of homicide, hate and bias crimes and gang violence. The primary focus will be on the Federal Priority Victim Populations.
- Provide professional personalized assistance to victims of crime.
- Respond to the immediate emotional and physical needs and safety of victims.

This funding will enhance the agency's ability to provide services and assistance to residents across the continuum of care to include children, adults and seniors who are victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, economic exploitation and underserved populations such as seniors and will provide an array of support including shelter, nutrition, case management, crisis intervention, medical, legal, counseling and other supportive services.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #1**

**Project/Program Name:** *Crisis Stabilization Response Safety and Services Intervention Team(Crisis Intervention Team)*

**Scope of the Project:** *Create and implement a team to support frontline staff in safely maintaining children who are victims in their home while wrapping services around the family to avoid removal and/or placement in foster homes and/or congregate care while successfully implementing the safety model.*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Enhanced safety and wellbeing of victims*

**On-Going Program Support:** *The Crisis Intervention Team will be supported by FY18 VOCA funding.*

**Award Amount:** \$200,658

**Grant Period:** December 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

**Funding Source:** Department of Justice, Victims of Crime Act

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

**CFDA Number:** 16.575

**Grant ID Number:** 16-VOCA-17-048

**Match Amount and Type:** \$50,165

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** N/A

### **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:

		<u>Increase</u>
IO# TBD – 431100	Federal Grant Revenue	\$ 200,658
IO#TBD-701110	Salaries	\$ 134,157
IO#TBD-705360	Benefit Adjustment	\$ 59,448
IO# TBD -710519	Cellular Phone	\$ 1,260
IO#TBD - 711504	Equipment – Non Capital	\$ 5,793

The \$40,132 required match is budgeted in the Child Welfare Fund 228.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY #2**

**Project/Program Name:** Placement Services and Support Team

**Scope of the Project:** Promote greater stability of placement of children removed from their home increasing reunification, maintaining needed informal supports as a child transitions home. The Placement Services Team will focus on placement with a relative or fictive kin that often promotes permanent placement with these families when a child cannot safely return home and maintains connections with family and a child's culture.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Enhanced safety and wellbeing of victims

**On-Going Program Support:** *The Placement Services and Support Team will be supported by FY18 VOCA funding.*

**Award Amount:**        **\$120,923**

**Grant Period:**        *December 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017*

**Funding Source:**     *Department of Justice, Victims of Crime Act*

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

**CFDA Number:**        *16.575*

**Grant ID Number:**    *16-VOCA-17-049*

**Match Amount and Type:**    **\$30,231**

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *N/A*

**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:

		<u>Increase</u>
<i>IO# TBD – 431100</i>	<i>Federal Grant Revenue</i>	<i>\$ 120,923</i>
<i>IO#TBD-701110</i>	<i>Salaries</i>	<i>\$ 80,302</i>
<i>IO#TBD-705360</i>	<i>Benefit Adjustment</i>	<i>\$ 36,941</i>
<i>IO# TBD -710519</i>	<i>Cellular Phone</i>	<i>\$ 420</i>
<i>IO#TBD - 711504</i>	<i>Equipment – Non Capital</i>	<i>\$ 3,360</i>

The \$24,185 required match is budgeted in the Child Welfare Fund 228.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept two Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services for the Crisis Stabilization Response Safety and Services Intervention Team in the amount [\$200,658; \$50,165 County match] for the period retroactive to July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; for the Placement Services and Support Team in the amount of [\$120,923; \$30,231 County match] for the period retroactive to July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; authorize the creation of 2.0 FTE Social Worker III, 1.0 FTE Human Services Support Specialist II, 1.0 FTE Mental Health Counselor, and 1.0 FTE Office Support Specialist funded 100% by the VOCA, direct the Human Resources Department to make the necessary staffing adjustments and initiate the recruitment process, authorize the Department

to execute the Sub-Grant Award and 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 Accept two Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant awards from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services for the Crisis Stabilization Response Safety and Services Intervention Team in the amount [\$200,658; \$50,165 County match] for the period retroactive to July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; for the Placement Services and Support Team in the amount of [\$120,923; \$30,231 County match] for the period retroactive to July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; authorize the creation of 2.0 FTE Social Worker III, 1.0 FTE Human Services Support Specialist II, 1.0 FTE Mental Health Counselor, and 1.0 FTE Office Support Specialist funded 100% by the VOCA, direct the Human Resources Department to make the necessary staffing adjustments and initiate the recruitment process, authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. “*