

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**Petitioner:** Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services

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**Recommendation:**

**Authorize the creation of one (1) full time Limited Perm Senior Family Services Specialist (C29) or equivalent position to expand the Step Up program model to serve former foster youth ages 18 - 21 and HIV positive youth ages 18 - 24 using Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) and Funds to Assist Former Foster Youth (FAFFY) grant funds; and approve Amendment 1 to the FAFFY grant to fund 50% of the position. (For possible action)**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fund #:	2031.000	Fund Name:	County Grants
Fund Center:	1270111010 and 1270111150	Funded PGM/Grant:	1270.RWENDHIV.2022 and FIPHOLD.2021
Amount:	\$1,416,980 EHE/ \$665,000 FAFFY		
Description:	Youth with HIV and Assistance for Former Foster Youth		
Additional Comments:	The total annual cost for the position shall start at \$86,791.00 including salary and benefits. The position will be supported jointly through existing grant funds: Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) and Funds to Assist Former Foster Youth (FAFFY). This is a Limited Perm position that will be funded 50% from each grant.		

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 7, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners authorized acceptance of FAFFY grant funds from the State of Nevada for the Young Adult Program in the amount of \$665,000 effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. If approved, Amendment # 1 of the FAFFY grant would allow the Department of Family Services to fund 50% of one (1) Full-time Limited Perm Senior Family Services Specialist (C29). The Department of Social Services would fund the other 50% using the EHE grant.

The Senior Family Services Specialist will work with former foster youth and HIV positive youth utilizing the Step Up program model. The existing Step Up program is a highly successful program that provides transition aged youth (TAY) aged 18 to 21 who have aged out of the Nevada foster care system with needed support to develop self-sufficiency skills and be productive members of our community. Case management includes updates on goals, education, employment, parenting and developing/maintaining healthy personal habits. In addition, a new program, Step Up EHE, uses the successful Step Up model for TAY aged 18 - 24 with HIV to provide needed assistance, support, and developmentally appropriate, targeted services. This program will include a heavy emphasis on the importance of medication adherence, making and keeping medical appointments, and maintaining an undetectable viral load.

Cleared for Agenda

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