

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Jamie Sorenson, Director of Social Service

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the creation of one (1) full time Limited Perm Family Services Supervisor (C30), or equivalent, position to provide supervision for the Project HOME program which serves HIV positive youth ages 18-26. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	2031.000	Fund Name:	County Grants
Fund Center:	1270111010	Funded PGM/Grant:	1270.RWENDHIV.2025
Amount:	\$163,084.70		
Description:	Federal Grant for HIV/AIDS Assistance		
Additional Comments:	The total annual cost for the position not to exceed \$163,084.70. This includes top of the range salary and benefits. The position will be supported through existing grant funding from Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE).		

BACKGROUND:

Social Service modeled Project HOME after the Step-Up program model. The Step Up program is highly successful in providing transition aged youth (TAY) with the needed support to develop self-sufficiency skills and be a productive member of our community.

Over the last seven years, the number of youth (13-24) that have tested positive for HIV has remained consistently high, ranging from 74-89 persons annually, which is roughly 20% of all new HIV positive diagnoses each year. To provide the needed assistance and support to TAY with HIV, Project Home was launched in 2022 as an expansion of Step Up. Step Up and Project HOME were supervised by one person. Due to the success of Project HOME, a separate supervisor for each program is needed.

The Project HOME supervisor position is funded through the federal grant, Ending the HIV Epidemic. This position will ensure clients receive case management, peer support and navigation services, classes, option to participate in focus groups, support groups and other services targeted to each client's unique needs. This also includes a heavy emphasis on the importance of medication adherence, making and keeping medical appointments, and maintaining an undetectable viral load.

This item has been approved as to form by the District Attorney's office.

Cleared for Agenda

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