

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services

Recommendation:

Ratify the submission of the Victims of Crime grant application to the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$6,081,682.36 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and authorize the continuation of the following grant funded positions: one (1) Social Work Supervisor (C30), two (2) Sr. Family Service Specialist (C29), two (2) Family Services Specialists II (C28), one (1) Youth and Adult Intervention II (C29), eight (8) Family Service Technicians (C25), two (2) Sr. Office Specialist (C23), four (4) Office Specialist (C22), and nine (9) Part-Time Youth and Family Assistants for the period for which grant funds are available; authorize the Administrator or his designee to sign any additional grant documents related there to; and accept funds awarded. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	2031.000	Fund Name:	County Grants
Fund Center:	1250812000	Funded PGM/Grant:	1250.VOCA.2022
Amount:	\$6,081,682.36		
Description:	VOCA Grant		
Additional Comments:	Total match required \$1,520,420.59. DFS will provide in-kind match through funded positions.		

BACKGROUND:

On February 11, 2021 the Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS) submitted a grant application to the State of Nevada in response to the State's announcement for release of Request for Application for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant. Grant funds are utilized for services provided to children who are victims of child abuse and/or neglect, their siblings, and their non-offending parents/caregivers. These funds will allow for the continuation of twenty (20) full time grant funded positions and nine (9) part time grant funded positions.

DFS currently provides direct services to child victims and their non-offending caregivers utilizing VOCA funds, including positions within the Medical Case Management Unit, Child Haven, Placement, and Southern Nevada Children's Assessment Center (SNCAC). The funds requested will provide training, fund the purchase of operational items and emergency assistance, secure contractual services for in and out of home behavioral therapy and emotional support, victims advocacy, program management and case evaluations, in home medical/mental health intervention and support, interpreter services, sport social and pros-social services/activities for child victims, transportation, child-focused adoption recruitment, placement disruption prevention services, and a wide range of services for At-Risk Youth (ARYS). The ARYS unit is a multidisciplinary team that provides intensive and targeted case management to victims of sex trafficking.

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The VOCA grant has been awarded to DFS since 2005 to supplement services to child victims and non-offending parents/caregivers. VOCA is the repository for all criminal fines collected at the federal level and uses the funds for grants to agencies that provide services to victims of crime.

Due to the timeframe between the grant announcement and submission due date, the grant application was submitted to DCFS on February 11, 2021 prior to Board approval.

Staff requests that the Board ratify the submission of the grant application and accept the funds awarded.