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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2020

DATE: February 25, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursements in the amount of [\$20,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a [\$14,000] grant to the University of Nevada Reno Foundation to support Senior Outreach Services; a [\$5,000] grant to the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation to support the participation of Washoe County employees in the Truckee Meadows Trails Challenge; a [\$1,000] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support the purchase of gift cards for basic needs for community members affected by the Covid 19 pandemic; approve the necessary resolutions, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement and budget appropriation transfers of funds. (Commission District 3)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions, disbursement of district funds, and necessary budget appropriations in the total amount of [\$20,000] for Commission District 3 to the University of Nevada Reno Foundation, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation, and Washoe County Human Services Agency.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action taken during Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

BACKGROUND

Modification of guidelines and adoption of resolution for County Commission District Special Funding on February 10, 2015 created Commission District Special Funds for each Commission District. On May 21, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2019-2020 Fiscal year budget with special district funds allocated per Commission District in

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the amount of \$20,000. The monies appropriated are to support needs for all Washoe County residents.

Funds appropriated through the Commission District Special Funds must provide substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County. The recipient must be a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, or a government entity. Funds shall not provide any personal or private benefit for the Commissioners, directly or indirectly benefit any campaign efforts by a commissioner, violate Ethics in Government law, or be used to purchase tickets to special events.

Commissioner Jung has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2019-20:

- [\$14,000] to the University of Nevada Reno Foundation to support the Senior Outreach Services (SOS) annual dinner for volunteers and community partners. The SOS Program is a direct service program that recruits and trains volunteers to provide free transportation services and socialization for homebound elderly, frail, and low-income seniors in Washoe County. Volunteers drive their clients to Doctors' offices, grocery stores and on other errands. Each elder client receives at least 2 hours of services each week. The goal of this volunteer program is to allow the clients to age in place at their residences rather than be forced into institutional care facilities. During the year of 2019 SOS volunteers provided 267 clients with over 27,000 hours of personalized services.
- [\$5,000] to the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation to support participation of Washoe County employees in Truckee Meadows Parks Challenge. Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation strives to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of the Truckee Meadows by ensuring the long-term sustainability and improvement of our parks and, in partnership with their Washoe County Parks Department partners, offer recreational and educational programs designed to increase awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of local parks and trails such as the Truckee Meadows Trails Challenge. The Trails Challenge fosters park stewardship and better appreciation of life outdoors as well as addresses the issue of obesity in Washoe County and the diseases associated with a sedentary lifestyle.
- [\$1,000] to the Washoe County Human Services Agency to support the purchase of gift cards for basic needs for community members affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. These gift cards will help support community members who have lost their jobs as a result of this pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY20 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 3 Constituents (C100103) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a total [\$20,000] to the University of Nevada Reno Foundation.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- University of Nevada Reno Foundation [\$14,000]
- Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation [\$5,000]

Cross-fund, cross-functional appropriation transfers associated with statistical order 70783 are required as follows:

Description	Cost Object- G/L Account	Amount Increase/<Decrease>
District 3 Special Funding	100103-710400	<\$5,000>
Transfer to Indigent Tax Levy	100103- 812021	\$5,000
Human Services Agency- Indigent Tax Levy	221220- 810312	\$5,000
Transfer From General Fund	221220- 621001	\$5,000

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursements in the amount of [\$20,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a [\$14,000] grant to the University of Nevada Reno Foundation to support Senior Outreach Services; a [\$5,000] grant to the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation to support the participation of Washoe County employees in the Truckee Meadows Trails Challenge; a [\$1,000] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support the purchase of gift cards for basic needs for community members affected by the Covid 19 pandemic; approve the necessary resolutions, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursement and budget appropriation transfers of funds.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursements in the amount of [\$20,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a [\$14,000] grant to the University of Nevada Reno Foundation to support Senior Outreach Services; a [\$5,000] grant to the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation to support the participation of Washoe County employees in the Truckee Meadows Trails Challenge; a [\$1,000] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support the purchase of gift cards for basic needs for community members affected by the Covid 19 pandemic; approve the necessary resolutions, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursement and budget appropriation transfers of funds.”*