



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2020

**DATE:** February 6, 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 [\$17,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$1,500] grant to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association to support the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club, a [\$1,500] grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to support Washoe County 4-H Livestock Leaders for youth members as they pursue their personal goals to learn about the livestock industry; and a [\$2,000] grant to Saving Grace Academy to support the purchase of daycare equipment and Washoe County permits; a [\$5,000] grant to the Food Bank of Norther Nevada to purchase food to aid in the organization's Covid 19 response; [\$5,000] to Washoe County Emergency Management to purchase Personal Protective Equipment to provide to first responders and medical professionals responding to the Covid 19 pandemic; a [\$2,000] grant to Salvation Army of Washoe County to support Reno's Men's Adult Rehabilitation Program, approve the necessary resolutions, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements and budget appropriation transfers of funds. (Commission District 5)

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### **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$17,000] for Commission District 5 to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association, Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, Saving Grace Academy, Food Bank of Norther Nevada, Washoe County Emergency Management, and Salvation Army of Washoe County.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

February 18, 2020 – The Board of County Commissioners approved allocating district 5 funds in the amount of [\$1,500] to the Vya Conservation Districts and [\$1,500] to the Washoe

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Storey Conservation Districts to support the groups' missions to foster and support natural resource conservation.

## **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 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 Herman has elected to support the following organizations in fiscal year 2019-20:

- [\$1,500] to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association. This grant will support the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club with the annual Washoe County High School Rodeo held in March 2020 at the Reno Livestock Events Center. The goal of the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club is to promote academic advancement among their members, promoting lifelong horsemanship skills and sportsmanship with an emphasis on helping each other out and over all knowledge of our Western Heritage and way of life.
- [\$1,500] to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to support Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Program. This grant will be used to support Washoe County 4-H Livestock Leaders Program to support youth members as they pursue their personal goals to learn about the livestock industry.
- [\$2,000] to Saving Grace Academy to support the purchase of playground equipment and pay for Washoe County permits as the preschool works on opening its doors for business.
- [\$5,000] Food Bank of Northern Nevada to support the organization's response to the Covid 19 pandemic. Given the effects of business closures as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic and the attendant loss of employment for many Washoe County residents, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada is seeing an increased need for food resources
- [\$5,000] Washoe County Emergency Management for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as part of the community response to the Covid 19 pandemic. personal protective equipment (PPE) refers to protective clothing, helmets, gloves, face shields, goggles, facemasks and/or respirators or other equipment designed to protect the wearer from the spread of infection or illness. Washoe County Emergency Management, in concert with the regional Incident Management Team is coordinating the purchase of PPE for the region and will use the funds donated to continue to add to support the safety of our community during the Covid 19 pandemic
- [\$2,000] Salvation Army of Washoe County to support Men's Adult Rehabilitation Program. The Adult Rehabilitation Program (ARP) is a place of hope and new beginnings

dedicated to rebuilding the lives of men who are dealing with substance abuse, homelessness and other serious life problems. A 70-bed facility, the minimum stay for a man in need is six months. Admission is voluntary, and services are provided free of cost for the participant.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

FY20 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 5 Constituents (C100105) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400) and intrafund transfer. This action requests approval and distribution of a total [\$17,000] as outlined:

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Nevada State High School Rodeo Association - \$1,500
- Board of Regents of the University of Nevada - \$1,500
- Saving Grace Academy- \$2,000
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada- \$5,000
- Salvation Army of Washoe County- \$2,000

Intrafund appropriation transfers associated with statistical order 70783 are required as follows:

District 5 Special Funding – Payments to Other Agencies	100105-710400	<\$5,000>
District 5 Special Funding – Transfer to Intrafund	100105- 818000	\$5,000
Unified Command 2020 – Transfer from Intrafund	101113-818000	<\$5,000>
Unified Command 2020 – Medical Supplies	101113-710347	\$5,000

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursements in the amount of [\$17,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$1,500] grant to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association to support the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club, a [\$1,500] grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to support Washoe County 4-H Livestock Leaders for youth members as they pursue their personal goals to learn about the livestock industry; and a [\$2,000] grant to Saving Grace Academy to support the purchase of daycare equipment and Washoe County permits; a [\$5,000] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to purchase food to aid in the organization’s Covid 19 response; [\$5,000] to Washoe County Emergency Management to purchase Personal Protective Equipment to provide to first responders and medical professionals responding to the Covid 19 pandemic; a [\$2,000] grant to Salvation Army of Washoe County to support Reno’s Men’s Adult Rehabilitation Program, approve the necessary resolutions, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursements 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 [\$17,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$1,500] grant to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association to support the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club, a [\$1,500] grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to support Washoe County 4-H Livestock Leaders for youth members as they pursue their personal goals to learn about the livestock industry; and a [\$2,000] grant to Saving Grace Academy to support the purchase of daycare equipment and Washoe County permits; a [\$5,000] grant to the Food Bank of Norther Nevada to purchase food to aid in the organization's Covid 19 response; [\$5,000] to Washoe County Emergency Management to purchase Personal Protective Equipment to provide to first responders and medical professionals responding to the Covid 19 pandemic; a [\$2,000] grant to Salvation Army of Washoe County to support Reno's Men's Adult Rehabilitation Program, approve the necessary resolutions, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements and budget appropriation transfers of funds.”*