



# WASHOE COUNTY

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**STAFF REPORT**  
**BOARD MEETING DATE: April 16, 2019**

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$17,500] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$5,000] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support the CrossRoads program, a [\$2,500] grant to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association to support the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club, a [\$2,500] grant to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the RAVEN helicopter; and a [\$1,500] grant to the Gerlach Fire Station to support purchasing National Fire Protection Association compliant turnout gear for volunteer firefighters, a [\$1,500] grant to North Valleys High School to support the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), a [\$1,500] grant to Spanish Springs High School to support the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Program, and a [\$1,500] grant to the Vya Conservation District to support the group's mission to foster and support natural resource conservation, a [\$1,500] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District to support an educational Sage grouse exhibit; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary cross-fund, cross-functional budget appropriation transfers and disbursements of funds. (Commission District 5)

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## **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and transfer/disburse district funds in the [total amount of \$17,500] for Commission District 5.

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

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

May 22, 2018: the Board of County Commissioners approved the 18-19 Fiscal year budget with special district funds allocated per Commission District in the amount of \$20,000.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

## **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 22, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 18-19 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 2018-19:

Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) [\$5,000] – This grant will support River House, a project of HSA’s CrossRoads program. River House provides up to 24 women sober, supportive, community living while residents receive wraparound services to overcome addiction. The River House site was acquired by the Human Services Agency in January 2019 and is in need of aesthetic improvements in addition to replacement of worn furniture.

Nevada State High School Rodeo Association [\$2,500] - This grant will support the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club with the annual Washoe County High School Rodeo held in April 2019 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.

Washoe County Sheriff’s Office [\$2,500] – This grant will support the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office’s Regional Aviation Enforcement Unit also known as RAVEN. District funds will provide heavy duty shelves and lighting to safely house RAVEN parts in a newly constructed connex to house RAVEN parts.

Gerlach Fire Department [\$1,500]- This grant will support the Gerlach Fire Department in purchasing turnout gear for volunteer firefighters. The purchase of this gear will ensure volunteer firefighters are in compliance with National Fire Protection Association standards and will last ten years.

North Valleys High School - JROTC Program [\$1,500] - This grant will help support the purchase of Turning Technologies eInstruction delivery platform which will support the purchase of technology to actively engage students in learning. The grant will help outfit a second classroom at North Valleys High School with system components including: an RF receiver with JROTC content, a presenter card, and QT2 clickers. This service project supports the JROTC Program’s mission to develop citizens of character, dedicated to serving their nation and community.

Spanish Springs High School - JROTC Program [\$1,500] - This grant will help support the Spanish Springs High School JROTC’s annual “Shaw Christmas shopping trip”. During this event, Shaw Middle School counselors identify up to 20 students that come from underprivileged families that will likely have few resources during the holidays. Spanish Springs High School JROTC cadets purchase gifts from local

businesses and wrap them for these families. This service project supports the mission of the Washoe County School District JROTC Silver State Brigade is to motivate young people to be better citizens

Vya Conservation District [\$1,500] – This grant will support the Vya Conservation District’s mission to foster and support natural resource conservation through leadership, education, technical, and financial assistance to implement and ensure sustainable use of Northwestern Nevada's natural resources

Washoe Storey Conservation District [\$1,500]- This grant will support the Washoe Storey Conservation District’s mission is to foster and support natural resource conservation through leadership, education, technical, and financial assistance to implement and ensure sustainable use of Northwestern Nevada's natural resources. The grant will additionally support a planned educational Sage grouse exhibit this year. This exhibit is a collaborative project between WSCD, Nevada Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Pheasants Forever.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds have been included in the FY 2018-2019 approved budget under Commission District Constituent cost centers: District 5 – 100105/710400. This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$17,500] as outlined.

Cross-fund, cross-functional appropriation transfers are required as follows:

**Human Services Agency**

Description	Cost Object- G/L Account	Amount Increase/<Decrease>
District 5 Special Funding	100105-710400	<\$5,000>
Transfer to Indigent Tax Levy	100105- 812021	\$5,000
Human Services Agency- Indigent Tax Levy	221220- 810312	\$5,000
Transfer From General Fund	221220- 621001	\$5,000

**Sheriff’s Office**

Description	Cost Object- G/L Account	Amount Increase/<Decrease>
District 5 Special Funding	100105-710400	<\$2,500>
District 5-Transfer to Other Restricted Fund	100105-812270	\$2,500
RAVEN Program-Transfer from General Fund	20060-621001	\$2,500
RAVEN Program-Equipment non-capital	20060-711504	\$2,500

**Gerlach Fire Department**

Description	Cost Object- G/L Account	Amount Increase/<Decrease>
District 5 Special Funding	100105- 710400	<\$1,500>

Transfer to Burning Man Donation	100105- 812270	\$1,500
Gerlach Fire Department- Burning Man Donation	IN20356-621001	\$1,500
Transfer From General Fund	IN20356-710577	\$1,500

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

Nevada State High School Rodeo Association	\$2,500
Vya Conservation District	\$1,500
Washoe Storey Conservation District	\$1,500
North Valleys High School	\$1,500
Spanish Springs High School	\$1,500

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$17,500] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$5,000] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support the CrossRoads program, a [\$2,500] grant to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association to support the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club, a [\$2,500] grant to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for the RAVEN helicopter; and a [\$1,500] grant to the Gerlach Fire Station to support purchasing National Fire Protection Association compliant turnout gear for volunteer firefighters, a [\$1,500] grant to North Valleys High School to support the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), a [\$1,500] grant to Spanish Springs High School to support the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Program, and a [\$1,500] grant to the Vya Conservation District to support the group’s mission to foster and support natural resource conservation, a [\$1,500] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District to support an educational Sage grouse exhibit; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary cross-fund, cross-functional budget appropriation transfers and disbursements of funds.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: Move to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$17,500] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$5,000] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support the CrossRoads program, a [\$2,500] grant to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association to support the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club, a [\$2,500] grant to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for the RAVEN helicopter; and a [\$1,500] grant to the Gerlach Fire Station to support purchasing National Fire Protection Association compliant turnout gear for volunteer firefighters, a [\$1,500] grant to North Valleys High School to support the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), a [\$1,500] grant to Spanish Springs High School to support the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Program, and a [\$1,500] grant to the Vya Conservation District to support the group’s mission to foster and support natural resource conservation, a [\$1,500] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District to support an educational Sage grouse exhibit; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary cross-fund, cross-functional budget appropriation transfers and disbursements of funds.