



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 25, 2019

**DATE:** Friday, June 21, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Gabrielle Enfield, County Grants Administrator  
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**THROUGH:** Christine Vuletich, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve grant awards to Education Alliance of Washoe County in the amount of [\$8,500]; and to Sierra Arts Foundation in the amount of [\$6,000] and approve Resolutions necessary for same. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

Recommendation to approve grant awards to Education Alliance of Washoe County in the amount of [\$8,500]; and to Sierra Arts Foundation in the amount of [\$6,000]. The Partners in Education Program of the Education Alliance provides opportunities for relationship building between school and community, focusing on using community resources to strengthen academics. The Sierra Arts Foundation provides education opportunities for artists of all ages, development and training, financial support, promotional and marketing assistance. Sierra Arts creates and manages spaces and venues throughout our community for artists to perform and display their work.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Regional and Community Leadership

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On June 13, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners approved a grant award for FY 2017-18 for Education Alliance of Washoe County in the amount of \$9,213; approved Resolution necessary for same.

### **BACKGROUND**

Historically, Washoe County has made Community Support funds available to local community based providers to support services that address diverse health and human service needs in the community, or contribute to economic development and quality of life issues.

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

**Education Alliance of Washoe County- Partner In Education**

The Education Alliance is a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity, relying on funding from charitable donations, grants, and support from the Washoe County School District. The Partners in Education Program of the Education Alliance provides opportunities for relationship-building between schools and community, focusing on using community resources to strengthen academics.

The grant award will support the Partners in Education program ISEE (Inspiring Students with Educational Enrichment), funding will be used for transportation for ten schools, including seven in 89512, to develop an ISEE website portal for educators about site-based and off-site experiential learning opportunities. The ISEE program allows students to learn and explore all our community has to offer. Without these experiences, many students would never have the opportunity to discover career pathways, or appreciate the wealth of enriching learning activities available in our region.

**Sierra Arts Foundation**

Sierra Arts Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity. The Sierra Arts Foundation’s mission as a local arts agency since 1971 is to be the region’s premier arts organization with an emphasis on teaching, nurturing and supporting the arts in our community. Sierra Arts strives to provide education opportunities for artists of all ages, as well as development and training, financial support and promotional and marketing assistance. Sierra Arts creates and manages spaces and venues throughout our community for artists to perform and display their work.

The grant award will support the Art Belongs Here project’s development of a mural on the Washoe County parking garage at 220 N. Center Street; and for educational workshops to strengthen Washoe County’s arts and culture sector.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the Education Alliance, and Sierra Arts Foundation grant awards have been included in the Community Support Program’s FY2018-19 approved budget under cost center 183110-IO 60518, and cost center 1183110 respectively. Should the Board approve these grant funds, distribution of funds are needed as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
183110 IO 60518– 710400	Payment to Education Alliance	8,500
183110 – 710400	Payment to Sierra Arts Council	\$6,000

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve grant awards to Education Alliance of Washoe County in the amount of [\$8,500]; and to Sierra Arts Foundation in the amount of [\$6,000] and approve Resolutions necessary for same.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board accept staff's recommendation a possible motion would be:  
"Recommendation to approve grant awards to Education Alliance of Washoe County in the amount of [\$8,500]; and to Sierra Arts Foundation in the amount of [\$6,000] and approve Resolutions necessary for same."