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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *May 24, 2022*

DATE: May 12, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Candee Ramos, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Manager, (775) 276-3846, cramos@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$15,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Urban Roots -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to connect community members to the food they eat through garden-based educational programming; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to aid in the maintenance of the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial site featuring names of fallen police officers, support ongoing efforts to enshrine and memorialize fallen officers, and conduct annual memorial ceremonies; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 4.)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$15,000.00] for Commission District 4.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item(s):

1. Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.
2. Innovative Services: Promote experimentation and innovation, and strengthen our culture of service.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 19th, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$10,000.00] to the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation (NNCCF) -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support emotional and financial support to local kids, fighting for their lives battling cancer.

On January 11th, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$10,000.00] to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; [\$10,000.00] to Soulful Seeds -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to aid in their mission of providing healthy, sustainable and fresh food to the most vulnerable in our communities; and [\$10,000.00] to the Spanish Springs Library, a branch of the Washoe County Library System -- a government entity -- for use to improve the library as a destination for the entire family.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On February 08th, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District -- a government entity-- for its Ash Can program to reduce fire risk in Washoe County.

On February 22nd, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to Washoe County School District, Spanish Springs High School -- a government entity -- for the purpose of supporting the Spanish Springs High School JROTC Cougars Battalion.

On March 22nd, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to Our Story, Inc. -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support organizational capacity, advance on-going preservation, increase leadership personnel/activity, docent training (programming and interpretation), and marketing surrounding the creation of Northern Nevada African American Firefighter Museum.

On April 19th, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$5,000.00] grant to Donor Network West -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting the organization's efforts to educate the northern Nevada community about organ, eye and tissue donation to encourage registering as a donor; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Nevada Donor Network Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the capital campaign that will bring a transplant center to Northern Nevada.

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 18, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget with special district funds allocated per Commission District in the amount of \$100,000.00. 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 Hartung has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2021-2022:

- [\$5,000.00] grant to Urban Roots -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to connect community members to the food they eat through garden-based educational programming. Urban Roots is founded on the idea that the garden is a powerful tool for improving academic instruction, developing healthy habits, and sowing a respect for the environment. In order to realize its mission of growing healthy minds, bodies, and communities, Urban Roots provides school and

garden-based opportunities for teachers, students, families, and partnering organizations.

- [\$10,000.00] grant to the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to aid in the maintenance of the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial site featuring names of fallen police officers, support ongoing efforts to enshrine and memorialize fallen officers, and conduct annual memorial ceremonies.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY22 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 4 Constituents (C100104) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a total of [\$15,000.00] to Urban Roots and the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Urban Roots: \$5,000.00
- James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial: \$10,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approving, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$15,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Urban Roots -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to connect community members to the food they eat through garden-based educational programming; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to aid in the maintenance of the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial site featuring names of fallen police officers, support ongoing efforts to enshrine and memorialize fallen officers, and conduct annual memorial ceremonies; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 4.)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to approve the recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$15,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Urban Roots -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to connect community members to the food they eat through garden-based educational programming; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to aid in the maintenance of the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial site featuring names of fallen police officers, support ongoing efforts to enshrine and memorialize fallen officers, and conduct annual memorial ceremonies; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds."*