



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 18, 2020

**DATE:** January 15, 2020

**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 2019-2020; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$12,500] grant to the Community Foundation of Western Nevada to support the Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Fund and a [\$5,000] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to support the Ash Can Program; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 4)

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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 4.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 17, 2019 Commissioner Hartung directed [\$2,500] to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support the Spanish Springs Library in the creation of a community mapping station complete with an interactive, topographic map of the Spanish Springs area in the library Atrium.

### 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.

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

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 organizations in fiscal year 2019-2020:

- [\$12,500] to the Community Foundation of Western Nevada - Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Fund. The Community Foundation of Western Nevada's mission is to strengthen our community through philanthropy and leadership by connecting people who care with causes that matter. The YES Fund's purpose is to support youth planned and youth lead community service projects that improve the quality of life for Washoe County residents.
- [\$5,000] to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's Ash Can Program. Improper ash disposal causes thousands of fires every year, including the Washoe Drive Fire in 2012. With continued use of wood burning fireplaces and stoves, along with an increasing use of outdoor fire pits, the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) provides ash cans at no charge to Washoe County residents. By providing ash cans to residents, TMFPD is helping reduce fire risk in Washoe County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY20 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 \$17,500] to the Community Foundation of Western Nevada and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Community Foundation of Western Nevada- \$12,500
- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District- \$5,000

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$17,500] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$12,500] grant to the Community Foundation of Western Nevada to support the Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Fund and a [\$5,000] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to support the Ash Can Program; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary 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 2019-2020; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$12,500] grant to the Community Foundation of Western Nevada to support the Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Fund and a [\$5,000] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to*

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