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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 20, 2018

DATE: January 29, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dana Searcy, Management Analyst
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$10,100] for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$3,000] grant to Board of Regents to support the Washoe County 4-H Livestock Leaders and the Washoe County 4-H Horse Leaders, a [\$2,100] grant to The Salvation Army in Reno, Nevada to support the Men's Adult Rehabilitation Program (ARP), a [\$2,000] grant to the Reno Rodeo Foundation to support the Washoe County High School Rodeo, a [\$1,000] grant to the Veterans Guest House to support ongoing operations, a [\$1,000] grant to North Valleys High School to support the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Program, and a [\$1,000] grant to Spanish Springs High School to support the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Program; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 5)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve a resolution and transfer/disburse district funds in the [total amount of \$10,100] for Commission District 5.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

October 17, 2017 – Board of County Commissioners approved allocating district 5 funds in the amount of \$4,900 to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District towards the purchase of a portable fire pump to support fire suppression efforts in Verdi, Nevada, and \$5,000 to the Renown Health Foundation to help support Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities host the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic that was held in September 2017

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 23, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 17-18 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 2017-18:

Board of Regents [\$3,000] - This grant to the Board of Regents of Nevada System of Higher Education will support Washoe County Youth Development Programs by providing support in the amount of \$1,500 for the Washoe County 4-H Livestock Leaders and \$1,500 for the Washoe County 4-H Horse Leaders. 4-H is the youth development education program of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

The Salvation Army in Reno, Nevada [\$2,100] - This grant will support the Men's Adult Rehabilitation Program. The Salvation Army Reno's, Adult Rehabilitation Program 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. Admission is voluntary, and services are provided free of cost for participants at this 70-bed facility. This program supports the mission of the Salvation Army and has a successful graduation rate averaging between 25% and 30%, which is nearly double the national average of comparable programs

Reno Rodeo Foundation [\$2,000] - This grant will support the Washoe County High School Rodeo Club with the annual Washoe County High School Rodeo which will be held April 21-22, 2018 at the Reno Livestock Events Center. The Reno Rodeo Foundation is committed to enhancing and enriching the lives of Northern Nevada families by aiding children with extraordinary needs, building community partnerships, providing grants and scholarships to eligible Northern Nevada high school graduates.

Veterans Guest House [\$1,000] - This grant will help support the ongoing operations of the Veterans Guest House. For 23 years, Veterans Guest House has provided United States military service veterans and their families with temporary overnight accommodations when they travel to the Reno area for medical care. Their goal is to make sure that veterans who come here for care do not sleep in their car, go into debt or decide not to get care because of a need for shelter. The Veterans Guest House is currently involved in a major expansion project which will increase the facility from a 12-bed facility to a 33-bed facility.

North Valleys High School - AFJROTC Program [\$1,000] - This grant will help support the North Valleys High School AFJROTC's annual "Operation Panther Express". Started two years ago by our cadet leaders, this program focused on giving back to less fortunate students within the North Valleys community during the holiday season. Our cadets work closely with middle school counselors and staff to identify up to 20 deserving middle school students, 10 per middle school. Our cadets then meet with these students, mentor them, and sponsor them

by funding the purchase of gifts for their siblings during the holiday season. This teaches the importance of budgeting, and giving back to others. This service project supports the AFJROTC Program's mission to develop citizens of character, dedicated to serving their nation and community.

Spanish Springs High School - JROTC Program [\$1,000] - 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 for Christmas. 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.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds have been included in the FY 2017-2018 approved budget under Commission District Constituent cost centers: District 5 – 100105/710400. This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$10,100] as outlined.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

Board of Regents	\$3,000
The Salvation Army in Reno, Nevada	\$2,100
Reno Rodeo Foundation	\$2,000
Veterans Guest House, Inc.	\$1,000
North Valleys High School - AFJROTC Program	\$1,000
Spanish Springs High School - JROTC Program	\$1,000

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve the Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$10,100] for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$3,000] grant to the Board of Regents to support the Washoe County 4-H Livestock Leaders and the Washoe County 4-H Horse Leaders, a [\$2,100] grant to The Salvation Army in Reno, Nevada to support the Men's Adult Rehabilitation Program (ARP), a [\$2,000] grant to the Reno Rodeo Foundation to support the Washoe County High School Rodeo, a [\$1,000] grant to the Veterans Guest House to support ongoing operations, a [\$1,000] grant to North Valleys High School to support the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Program, and a [\$1,000] grant to Spanish Springs High School to support the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Program; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds.”*