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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 15, 2019

DATE: September 27, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a cash donation of [$12,500] from Black Rock LLC in support of increased demand for fire and emergency medical services associated with the "Burning Man" event and if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. (Commission District 5.)

SUMMARY

This staff report requests the Board accept a cash donation in support of increased demand for fire and emergency medical services associated with the "Burning Man" event; and other matters related thereto [$12,500] from Black Rock LLC; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Resolution, and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

During the Commission's previous meetings, the Board directed staff to approve and accept the cash donations in support of increased demand for fire and emergency medical services associated with the "Burning Man" event several times over the past decade, the most recent donations listed below:

August 13, 2013 - $8,500.00

August 26, 2014 - $8,500.00

October 20, 2015 - $8,500.00

August 23, 2016 - $8,500.00

September 19, 2017 - $8,500.00

March 27, 2018 - $2,500.00

September 18, 2018 - $11,800.00

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The Gerlach Combination Fire Department has an increased operational posture and personnel requirements when the approximately 70,000 attendees descend into the Gerlach area for Burning Man. The Board has accepted donations from the Burning Man organization several times over the past decade. Most recently [$8,500] at the September 19, 2017, [$2,500] at the March 27, 2018 meeting, and [$11,800] at the September 18, 2018 meeting. These donations offset the staffing and training of these County and non-County personnel and equipment costs. Because the volunteers are not County employees, the Board must approve in advance their attendance at the annual Rural EMS Conference.

Black Rock City, LLC, located in San Francisco CA, desires to help offset some of the costs associated with this increased need for Services and offers a voluntary, one-time donation in the amount of [$12,500.00] ("Donation") payable to County.

FISCAL IMPACT

This donation and the costs it supported will be recorded in Donation Internal Order 20356 in the Fire Suppression, Gerlach Division of the general fund. Budget amendments will need to be made in order to account for this donation to increase both revenues and expenses as follows:

IO 20356 – GL 484000	Donation Revenue	$12,500.00
IO 20356 – GL 701412	Salary Adjustment	$11,500.00
IO 20356 – GL 710300	Operating Supplies	$1,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Accept a cash donation of [$12,500.00] from Black Rock LLC in support of increased demand for fire and emergency medical services associated with the "Burning Man" event and if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the Staff's recommendation a possible motion could be: "move to approve staff's recommendation that the Board accept a cash donation of [$12,500.00] from Black Rock LLC in support of increased demand for fire and emergency medical services associated with the "Burning Man" event and if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments."