



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 16, 2024

**DATE:** March 12, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Eric Brown, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$40,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID) -- a government entity and a quasi-municipal corporation -- for the purpose of improving and maintaining the roads managed by the organization, a [\$7,500.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes --for the purpose of supporting food and clothing for seniors at the Cold Springs Family Center, a [\$7,500.00] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency -- a government entity -- for the purpose of supporting the Men's Crossroads program, a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support and chaplain program, split evenly, a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Veterans Guest House -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need, a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Adopt-A-Vet Dental Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to provide free critical and life-saving dental care to impoverished veterans in Nevada, and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans, approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 5).

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

## **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$40,000.00] for Commission District 5.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:**

1. Economic Impacts: Meet the Needs of Our Growing Community, Support a Thriving Community
2. Vulnerable Populations: Coordination Between Agencies & Communication of Programs
3. Innovative Services: Strengthen Our Culture of Service

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On January 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$20,000.00] grant to Washoe County Community Services Department -- a government entity -- to provide reimbursement for the Roads Department's reconstruction of Dugway Road and various improvements, and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Safe Embrace -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support stabilization and relocation services for victims of domestic violence.

On November 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$10,000.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation, a [\$10,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support meeting the needs of Washoe County residents struggling with food and housing insecurity, and those impacted by the traumas of human trafficking, as part of the Red Kettle fundraising goal, and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support the organization's efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region, particularly its Mobile Harvest program.

## **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 16, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2023-2024 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 Herman has elected to support the following organizations in fiscal year 2023-2024:

- [\$10,000.00] grant to Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID) -- a government entity and a quasi-municipal corporation -- for the purpose of improving and maintaining the roads managed by the organization. The PVGID maintains 92.8 miles of road using PVGID-owned equipment and staff.
- [\$7,500.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting food and clothing for seniors at the Cold Springs Family Center. The Lifestyle Homes Foundation has donated millions of dollars to support the community to meet a variety of needs, from education to healthcare.
- [\$7,500.00] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency -- a government entity -- for the purpose of supporting the Men's Crossroads program, which is a supportive living community providing drug- and alcohol-free housing and programming for men transitioning out of homelessness. The Men's CrossRoads program provides intensive case management, mutual aid and self-help groups, basic life skills programming, and more.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support and the chaplain program, split evenly. The foundation's funding provides a positive alternative for individuals unable to die at home, while providing physical, social, emotional, and spiritual care.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Veterans Guest House -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need. Without the Veterans Guest House, many veterans would sleep in their cars or would not receive the medical care they need.
- [\$2,500.00] grant to the Adopt-A-Vet Dental Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to provide free critical and life-saving dental care to impoverished veterans in Nevada. The vision of the program is to get veterans out of pain, give them their smile back, and get them back into the community by working or volunteering their time.
- [\$2,500.00] grant to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans. The program helps veterans prepare for favorable outcomes in college and other post-secondary education and training.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY24 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 5 Constituents (C100105) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a total of [\$40,000.00] to the following organizations.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Palomino Valley General Improvement District: \$10,000.00
- Lifestyle Homes Foundation: \$7,500.00
- Circle of Life Hospice Foundation: \$5,000.00
- Veteran’s Guest House: \$5,000.00
- Truckee Meadows Community College Veterans Upward Bound: \$2,500.00
- Adopt-A-Vet Dental: \$2,500.00

Cross-functional budget transfer is required as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost Object- G/L Account</b>	<b>Amount Increase/&lt;Decrease&gt;</b>
District 5 Special Funding - Payments to Other Agencies	100105 - 710400	<\$7,500.00>
District 5 Special Funding - Transfer to Homelessness	100105 - 812023	\$7,500.00
Human Services Agency Crossroads – Transfer from General	223220 - 621001	\$7,500.00
Human Services Agency Crossroads – Equipment Non-Capital	223220 - 711504	\$7,500.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$40,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID) -- a government entity and a quasi-municipal corporation -- for the purpose of improving and maintaining the roads managed by the organization, a [\$7,500.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes --for the purpose of supporting food and clothing for seniors at the Cold Springs Family Center, a [\$7,500.00] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency -- a government entity -- for the purpose of supporting the Men’s Crossroads program, a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program’s caregiving support and chaplain program, split evenly, a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Veterans Guest House -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose

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### **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 [\$40,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID) -- a government entity and a quasi-municipal corporation -- for the purpose of improving and maintaining the roads managed by the organization, a [\$7,500.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes --for the purpose of supporting food and clothing for seniors at the Cold Springs Family Center, a [\$7,500.00] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency -- a government entity -- for the purpose of supporting the Men's Crossroads program, a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support and chaplain program, split evenly, a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Veterans Guest House -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need, a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Adopt-A-Vet Dental Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to provide free critical and life-saving dental care to impoverished veterans in Nevada, and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans, approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds.”*