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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: April 17, 2018

DATE: March 5, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of $3,000] for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [$2,000] grant to the Board of Regents to support the Nevada Water Innovation Campus, and a [$1,000] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support the Spanish Springs Library's STEAM related programs and services; approve Resolution 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 a resolution and transfer/disburse district funds in the [total amount of $3,000] for Commission District 4 to support the safe, secure, and healthy communities' initiative.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

February 13, 2018 – Board of County Commissioners approved allocating district 4 funds in the amount of $15,000 to the Community Foundation of Western Nevada to help establish the Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Fund.

September 12, 2017 – Board of County Commissioners approved allocating district 4 funds in the amount of $1,000 to The First Tee of Northern Nevada to help support the National School Program at one elementary school in Washoe County.

July 11, 2017 – Board of County Commissioners approved allocating district 4 funds in the amount of $1,000 to The Nevada Discovery Museum to support their vision to be the community's center that inspires curiosity, creativity and the joy of lifelong learning.

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

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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 Hartung has elected to support the following organizations in fiscal year 2017-18:

Board of Regents [$2,000] - This grant will support the Nevada Water Innovation Campus' goal to develop and implement innovative and integrated water solutions for regional needs and to demonstrate national leadership in the water sector by the Truckee Meadows region. The Nevada Water Innovation Campus is a shared vision and effort by the regional water resource agencies and utilities and the University of Nevada, Reno.

Friends of Washoe County Library [$1,000] - This grant will support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) related programs and services at the Spanish Springs Library by funding additional supplies such as; Raspberry Pi projects, Lego Mindstorm kits, and other robotics equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds have been included in the FY 2017-2018 approved budget under Commission District Constituent cost centers: District 4 – 100104/710400. This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of $3,000] as outlined.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

Board of Regents	$2,000
Friends of the Washoe County Library	$1,000

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of $3,000] for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [$2,000] grant to the Board of Regents to support the Nevada Water Innovation Campus, and a [$1,000] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support the Spanish Springs Library's STEAM related programs and services; approve Resolution 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 the Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of $3,000] for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [$2,000] grant to the Board of Regents to support the Nevada Water Innovation Campus, and a [$1,000] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support the Spanish Springs Library's STEAM related programs and services; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. ."*