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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 11, 2022

DATE: Thursday, January 06, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Candee Ramos, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Manager, (775) 276-3846, cramos@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement pursuant to NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [$30,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [$10,000] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; a [$10,000] grant to Soulful Seeds -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to aid in their mission of providing healthy, sustainable and fresh food to the most vulnerable in our communities; and a [$10,000] grant to the Spanish Springs Library, a branch of the Washoe County Library System – a governmental entity -- for use to improve the library as a destination for the entire family; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements and net zero cross fund and/or cross function budget appropriation transfers. (Commission District 4.)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [$30,000] for Commission District 4.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

1. Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.
2. Vulnerable Populations: Coordination between agencies and communication of programs.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 19th, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners directed [$10,000] to the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation (NNCCF) to support emotional and financial support to local kids, fighting for their lives battling cancer. NNCCF has

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provided help, hope and courage to local families affected by childhood cancer since 2000.

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 18, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget with special district funds allocated per Commission District in the amount of $100,000. 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 organization in fiscal year 2021-2022:

- [$10,000] grant to Awaken for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation, with the goal for victims of trafficking to be restored to their fullest potential.
- [$10,000] grant to Soulful Seeds to support this grassroots nonprofit organization in Reno whose focus is reducing food insecurity by providing fresh, healthy food to the most vulnerable populations in northern Nevada.
- [$10,000] grant to Spanish Springs Library, a branch of Washoe County Library System, featuring programs for all ages and seasonal offerings such as free tax help and early voting.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY22 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 4 Constituents (C100104) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400) and account Payments to internal Agencies (C130340). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of $30,000] to Awaken, Soulful Seeds, and Spanish Springs Library, a branch of Washoe County Libraries.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Awaken: $10,000
- Soulful Seeds: $10,000

Cross-functional budget appropriation transfers are required as follows:

Description	**Cost Object- G/L Account**	**Amount Increase/<Decrease>**
District 4 Special Funding - Payments to Other Agencies	100104 - 710400	<$10,000>

District 4 Special Funding - Intrafund Transfer	100104 - 818000	$10,000
Spanish Springs Library – Operating Supplies	130340-710300	$10,000
Spanish Springs Library- Intrafund Transfer	130340-818000	$10,000
Spanish Springs Library – Operating Expense		$10,000

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement pursuant to NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [$30,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [$10,000] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; a [$10,000] grant to Soulful Seeds -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to aid in their mission of providing healthy, sustainable and fresh food to the most vulnerable in our communities; and a [$10,000] grant to the Spanish Springs Library, a branch of the Washoe County Library System – a governmental entity -- for use to improve the library as a destination for the entire family; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements and net zero cross fund and/or cross function budget appropriation transfers. (Commission District 4.)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to approve the recommendation to approve Commission District Special Funds Disbursement in the amount of [$30,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [$10,000] grant to Awaken for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; and a [$10,000] grant to Soulful Seeds to aid in their mission of providing healthy, sustainable and fresh food to the most vulnerable in our communities; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make necessary disbursements and a [$10,000] grant to the Spanish Springs Library, a branch of the Washoe County Library System, for use to improve the library as a destination for the entire family; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements and net zero cross fund and/or cross function budget appropriation transfers.*