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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

DATE: June 9, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Alexandra Wilson, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Manager, (775) 386-7420, alwilson@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$32,203.00] for Fiscal Year 2024–2025; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$6,000.00] grant to the Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to cover expenses for artist Autumn Harry to paint three large panels as part of a mural at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Be the Change Project – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the Wedekind Road Art Project in 2024; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE) – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – for general support of programming and services; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) Men’s Crossroads Program – a government entity – for general support of programming and services; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Washoe County Sustainability – a government entity – to reimburse disposal costs associated with the Sun Valley Tires & TVs (T&T) Drop-Off event hosted on May 31, 2025; a [\$2,425.00] grant to the Washoe County Community Services Department Open Space & Regional Parks – a government entity – to cover the cost of installing a picnic table and bench at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead; a [\$1,500.00] grant to Sierra Arts Foundation – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the 2025 Reno Dance Festival; a [\$1,278.00] grant to Sky Tavern – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to sponsor two children in the Jr. Ski Program; and a [\$1,000.00] grant to Young Life, Reno-Sparks Chapter – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support youth mentoring and engagement efforts at Sparks High School; approve resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary disbursement of funds and net-zero cross-fund and/or cross-function budget appropriation transfers. Manager’s Office. (Commission District 3). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve Resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$32,203.00] for Commission District 3.

Washoe County Strategic Objectives supported by this item:

1. Economic Impacts: Meet the Needs of our Growing Community & Support a Thriving Community
2. Innovative Services: Ensure Equitable Access to Services & Strengthening Our Culture of Service
3. Vulnerable Populations: Establish Regional Data Collection Systems

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 17, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$2,000.00] grant to the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) – a government entity – to support a free swim day and complimentary popsicles at the Sun Valley Pool on July 5, 2025.

On June 10, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$20,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Community Services Department (CSD) - a government entity - to support the parks district service plan study.

On May 13, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$7,500.00] grant to Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - to support the mission of rebuilding safe and hopeful lives for victims of family violence; and a [\$2,300.00] grant to Truckee Meadows Bicycle Alliance (TMBA) – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - for the purposes of covering costs associated with the t-shirt design contest where the winning student has their design printed on the t-shirts for the 3rd annual event.

On April 8, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$20,000.00] grant to Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – for the purpose of purchasing a vehicle to assist with transportation and the hauling of waste during neighborhood and open space cleanup events.

On February 11, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$10,325.00] grant to Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – for the purpose of supporting the organization’s continued partnership with HERO Environmental, who provided hazardous household waste removal for the Sun Valley Drop-Off in November 2024; and a [\$1,000.00] grant to Procter Hug High School – a government entity – to support the leadership class and their efforts to get the youth involved in the community.

On November 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$1,500.00] grant to Northern Nevada Public Health -- a government entity -- to support gift cards to encourage participation in the Aca Entre Nos (AEN) initiative, a series of conversations that addresses mental health and empowers families to take charge of their health.

On August 27, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$3,172.00] grant to Northern Nevada Public Health -- a government entity -- to support the health fees for Dancing in the Streets.

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 21, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2024-2025 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 nonprofit 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 Garcia has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2024-2025:

- [\$6,000.00] grant to the Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to cover expenses for artist Autumn Harry to paint three large panels as part of a mural at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Be the Change Project – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the Wedekind Road Art Project in 2024.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE) – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – for general support of programming and services.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) Men’s Crossroads Program – a government entity – for general support of programming and services.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to Washoe County Sustainability – a government entity – to reimburse disposal costs associated with the Sun Valley Tires & TVs (T&T) Drop-Off event hosted on May 31, 2025.
- [\$2,425.00] grant to the Washoe County Community Services Department Open Space & Regional Parks – a government entity – to cover the cost of installing a picnic table and bench at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead.

- [\$1,500.00] grant to Sierra Arts Foundation – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the 2025 Reno Dance Festival.
- [\$1,278.00] grant to Sky Tavern – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to sponsor two children in the Jr. Ski Program.
- [\$1,000.00] grant to Young Life, Reno-Sparks Chapter – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support youth mentoring and engagement efforts at Sparks High School.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY24-25 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 3 Constituents (C100103) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$32,203.00] to the Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism, Be the Change Project, Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE), Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) Men’s Crossroads, Washoe County Sustainability, Washoe County Community Services Department Open Space & Regional Parks, Sierra Arts Foundation, Sky Tavern, and Young Life, Reno-Sparks Chapter.

Expense Disbursement is required:

- Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism: \$6,000.00
- Be the Change Project: \$5,000.00
- Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE): \$5,000.00
- Sierra Arts Foundation: \$1,500.00
- Sky Tavern: \$1,278.00
- Young Life, Reno-Sparks Chapter: \$1,000.00

Commission District Special Cross-functional budget transfer is required as follows:

Description	Cost Object-G/L Account	Amount Increase/ <Decrease>
100103 District 3 Constituents	710400 Payments to Other Agencies	<\$12,425.00>
100103 District 3 Constituents	818000 Transfer to/from Intrafund	\$7,425.00
100103 District 3 Constituents	812023 Transfer to Homelessness	\$5,000.00
IO20558 HSA Crossroads	621001 Transfer from General	\$5,000.00
IO20558 HSA Crossroads	710100 Professional Services	\$5,000.00
101112 Refuse Special Projects	818000 Transfer to/from Intrafund	\$5,000.00
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140410 Trails Program	818000 Transfer to/from Intrafund	\$2,425.00
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RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$32,203.00] for Fiscal Year 2024–2025; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$6,000.00] grant to the Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to cover expenses for artist Autumn Harry to paint three large panels as part of a mural at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Be the Change Project – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the Wedekind Road Art Project in 2024; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE) – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – for general support of programming and services; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) Men’s Crossroads Program – a government entity – for general support of programming and services; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Washoe County Sustainability – a government entity – to reimburse disposal costs associated with the Sun Valley Tires & TVs (T&T) Drop-Off event hosted on May 31, 2025; a [\$2,425.00] grant to the Washoe County Community Services Department, Open Space & Regional Parks – a government entity – to cover the cost of installing a picnic table and bench at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead; a [\$1,500.00] grant to Sierra Arts Foundation – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the 2025 Reno Dance Festival; a [\$1,278.00] grant to Sky Tavern – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to sponsor two children in the Jr. Ski Program; and a [\$1,000.00] grant to Young Life, Reno-Sparks Chapter – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support youth mentoring and engagement efforts at Sparks High School; approve resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make

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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 [\$32,203.00] for Fiscal Year 2024–2025; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$6,000.00] grant to the Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to cover expenses for artist Autumn Harry to paint three large panels as part of a mural at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Be the Change Project – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the Wedekind Road Art Project in 2024; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE) – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – for general support of programming and services; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) Men's Crossroads Program – a government entity – for general support of programming and services; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Washoe County Sustainability – a government entity – to reimburse disposal costs associated with the Sun Valley Tires & TVs (T&T) Drop-Off event hosted on May 31, 2025; a [\$2,425.00] grant to the Washoe County Community Services Department, Open Space & Regional Parks – a government entity – to cover the cost of installing a picnic table and bench at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead; a [\$1,500.00] grant to Sierra Arts Foundation – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the 2025 Reno Dance Festival; a [\$1,278.00] grant to Sky Tavern – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to sponsor two children in the Jr. Ski Program; and a [\$1,000.00] grant to Young Life, Reno-Sparks Chapter – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support youth mentoring and engagement efforts at Sparks High School; approve resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary disbursement of funds and net-zero cross-fund and/or cross-function budget appropriation transfers."