



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 24, 2018

DATE: Wednesday, April 18, 2018
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Gabrielle Enfield, County Grants Administrator,
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THROUGH: Christine Vuletich, Assistant County Manager
SUBJECT: Approve Release and Waiver Agreement between Washoe County, City of Reno, and High Sierra Industries (HSI) and Washoe Ability Resource Center (WARC) to release HSI-WARC from the obligation to repay Washoe County and the City of Reno for grants received in 1980.
(All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Approve Release and Waiver Agreement between Washoe County, City of Reno, and High Sierra Industries (HSI) and Washoe Ability Resource Center (WARC), to release HSI from the obligation to repay Washoe County and the City of Reno for grants received in 1980.

Washoe County Strategic Objective: Safe, Secure and Health Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 22, 1980 the Board of County Commissioners approved an Interlocal agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno and WARC.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County received Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding on September 19, 1980 and subsequently sub-granted \$59,000 for the purchase of real property to the Washoe Association of Retarded Citizens (WARC) through an Interlocal agreement between the Washoe County, the City of Reno, and WARC. During the term of this agreement WARC merged with High Sierra Industries (HSI) and changed its name to HSI- Washoe ARC.

WARC is a nonprofit organization established to provide services to children and adults with an intellectual disability. WARC received CDBG funding from the City of Reno (\$100,021) and Washoe County (\$59,000) through the Interlocal agreement dated December 22, 1980. The funds were used to purchase real property on Sutro Street to

expand a workshop for individuals with an intellectual disability.

The Interlocal agreement had a 99 year term during which time the property couldn't be sold without consent of the County and City. This term was standard practice at that time. However, five year terms or no forgiveness period are a more modern practice. The property was used for its intended purpose for 35 years until HSI-Washoe ARC sold the property in 2015.

HSI-Washoe ARC still provides similar services at a different location. Washoe County and the City are aware of the 2015 sale and have no objections; therefore, HSI-Washoe ARC has fulfilled its obligations under said Interlocal agreement.

Washoe County attorneys along with City of Reno attorneys drafted a waiver and release agreement, which terminates the original agreement dated December 22, 1980 and release HSI-Washoe ARC from any duty or obligation to repay to the City or County as a result of the sale of said property. Additionally, the Waiver and Release Agreement release the County and City of any liability arising out the Interlocal Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Release and Waiver Agreement between Washoe County, City of Reno, and High Sierra Industries (HSI) and Washoe Ability Resource Center (WARC) to release HSI-WARC from the obligation to repay Washoe County and the City of Reno for grants received in 1980..

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“move to Approve the Release and Waiver Agreement between Washoe County, City of Reno, and High Sierra Industries (HSI) and Washoe Ability Resource Center (WARC) to release HSI-WARC from the obligation to repay Washoe County and the City of Reno for grants received in 1980.”