



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 28, 2023

DATE: September 18, 2023

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 [\$2,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$1,000.00] grant to TEDxReno – a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the independently organized TEDx event; [\$1,000.00] grant to the Nevada Interfaith Association --a non-profit organization-- to support the 2022-2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Memorial Celebration; to approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 1)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$2,000.00] for Commission District 1.

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, Promote Experimentation & Innovation

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 19, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] grant to Amplify Life -- a non-profit organization that is organized for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support programs for clients with disabilities, a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Tahoe Prosperity Center -- a non-profit organization that is organized for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the 2023 Envision Tahoe Venture Summit, a [\$1,000.00] grant to Reno Bike Project -- a non-profit organization that is organized for

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charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support access to affordable recycled bikes, and a [\$1,000.00] grant to India Association of Northern Nevada – a non-profit organization that is organized for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the promoting of Indian culture creating a positive, enjoyable and nurturing friendships and the Dandiya Hahotsav event.

On August 15, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$1,000.00] to the Clean Tahoe Program-- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to aid the organization in improving the visual environment for Washoe County portions of Incline Village and Crystal Bay through proper litter and trash management and public education.

On July 18, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$10,000.00] to the Clean Tahoe Program-- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to aid the organization in improving the visual environment for Washoe County portions of Incline Village and Crystal Bay through proper litter and trash management and public education.

On July 11, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$25,000.00] to Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association -- a government entity -- to support their efforts to integrate a North Lake Tahoe Airport Shuttle into the community; [\$10,000.00] to Edward C. Reed High School -- a government entity -- to support their upcoming turf replacement project; [\$5,500.00] to Truckee Meadows Tomorrow -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – with [\$3,000.00] to support their annual Community Progress Report, and [\$2,500.00] to support their Poverty, Homelessness and Housing Dashboard; [\$5,000.00] to the Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to fund the purchase of supplies for their summer cleanup initiative; [\$5,000.00] to Sky Tavern -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their upcoming 2024 season of the Junior Ski Program; [\$5,000.00] to the Tahoe Fund -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support Phase Two of their parking enforcement study; [\$1,800.00] to Jewish Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their upcoming Jewish Cultural Festival, Milk & Honey; [\$1,000.00] to the Albee Aryel Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their efforts to provide disadvantaged students with access to higher education; [\$1,000.00] to Latino Arte and Culture -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to retroactively support their bilingual play LGBTQIA+ Latinx performance at Reno Little Theater; [\$1,000.00] to Nevada Indoor Tennis and Pickleball - a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support their mission to promote strong year-round programs and physical activity for youth and adult players.

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 Hill has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2023-2024:

- [\$1,000.00] to TEDx Reno – a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the independently organized TEDx event. TEDx Talk videos reach millions of people each day, and through short presentations leading-edge thinkers and doers share “ideas worth spreading” that tackle humanity’s toughest questions with innovation, enterprise, and optimism.
- [\$1,000.00] to the Nevada Interfaith Association --a non-profit organization-- to support the 2023-2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Memorial Celebration. The Northern Nevada Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Committee continues the work to ensure the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stays alive in Northern Nevada. We hope to inspire the community to take action to support human and civil rights in their day-to-day interactions and work.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY23-24 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 1 Constituents (C100101) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$2,000.00] to:

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- TEDx Reno: \$1,000.00
- Nevada Interfaith Association: \$1,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$2,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$1,000.00] grant to TEDxReno – a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the

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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 [\$2,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$1,000.00] grant to TEDx Reno – a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the independently organized TEDx event; [\$1,000.00] grant to the Nevada Interfaith Association --a non-profit organization-- to support the 2023-2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Memorial Celebration; to approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds."*