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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 15, 2019

DATE: December 19, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dana Searcy, Management Analyst
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of $5,000] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; District 2 Commissioner Bob Lucey recommends a [$2,000] grant to the Second Judicial District Court to support the Reading Room project, a [$1,500] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support STEAM initiatives at the South Valleys Library, and a [$1,500] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support the Washoe County Library System's Give the Gift of Reading: 2018 Children's Literacy Fundraising Campaign; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds and cross-functional budget appropriation transfers. (Commission District 2)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and transfers/disbursements allocating district funds in the [total amount of $5,000] for Commission District 2 to support the Reading Room project at the Second Judicial District Court, STEAM initiatives at the South Valleys Library, and the Washoe County Library System's Give the Gift of Reading: 2018 Children's Literacy Fundraising Campaign.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action taken during the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Commission District. On May 22, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 18-19 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, direction or indirectly benefit any campaign efforts by a commission, violate Ethics in Government law, or be used to purchase tickets to special events.

Commissioner Lucey has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2018-19:

District 2:

Second Judicial District Court [$2,000]. The Second Judicial District Court developed the Reading Room project with the intent of providing a welcoming space to reduce trauma for children and families attending Court, and to provide a book to each child who comes to Court. The children and families who attend Court are parties to proceedings involving child abuse and neglect, child support and custody, child delinquency, divorce, protective orders, and minor guardianship. Children and families also access the Second Judicial District Court through the Self Help Center, Law Library, Temporary Protection Office, and Family Peace Center. This grant will support the Reading Room project.

Friends of Washoe County Library [$1,500]. This grant will support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) related programs and services for kids, teens, and adults at the South Valleys Library.

Friends of Washoe County Library [$1,500]. This grant will support the Washoe County Library System's Give the Gift of Reading: 2018 Children's Literacy Fundraising Campaign. Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age can help prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills necessary for success. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading. Nevada is ranked among the lowest graduation rates in the nation. This program will help support the Washoe County School District's efforts in increasing a student's success rate at an early age.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds have been included in the FY 2018-2019 approved budget under Commission District Constituent cost centers: District 2 – 100102/710400. This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of $5,000] as outlined.

Cross-functional appropriation transfers are required as follows:

Description	Cost Object- G/L Account	Amount Increase/<Decrease>
District 2 Special Funding	100102 - 710400	<$2,000>
Transfer to General Fund– District Court	100102 – 818000	$2,000
District Court – Reading Room	60583 – 710355	$2,000

Transfer from General Fund	60583 - 818000	$2,000

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

Friends of the Washoe County Library	$1,500
Friends of the Washoe County Library	$1,500

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of $5,000] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; District 2 Commissioner Bob Lucey recommends a [$2,000] grant to the Second Judicial District Court to support the Reading Room project, a [$1,500] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support STEAM initiatives at the South Valleys Library, and a [$1,500] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support the Washoe County Library System's Give the Gift of Reading: 2018 Children's Literacy Fundraising Campaign; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds and cross-functional budget appropriation transfers.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of $5,000] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; District 2 Commissioner Bob Lucey recommends a [$2,000] grant to the Second Judicial District Court to support the Reading Room project, a [$1,500] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support STEAM initiatives at the South Valleys Library, and a [$1,500] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support the Washoe County Library System's Give the Gift of Reading: 2018 Children's Literacy Fundraising Campaign; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds and cross-functional budget appropriation transfers.*