



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 28, 2024

DATE: Friday, May 10, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Sally Johnston, Program Assistant, Office of the
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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 [\$10,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to advocate for and with individuals with Down Syndrome and their families to break down any barriers to full, productive and satisfying lives; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Robert Unsworth Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide tennis equipment and instruction to public schools and youth groups; approve Resolutions necessary for the same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 2).

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$10,000.00] for Commission District 2.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

1. Innovative Services: strengthen our culture of service.
2. Vulnerable Populations: coordination between agencies & communication of programs.
3. Economic Impacts: support a thriving community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 14, 2024, the Board of Commissioners directed a [\$3,000.00] grant to FIRST Nevada to support the Clawbotics robotic team.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On December 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$5,000.00] grant to The Healing Center and Spa Steamboat Hot Springs to support the efforts for roof repairs for the historical building; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program to support the future efforts of assisting working families through its food pantry and apprentice assistance programs.

On November 28, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$2,500.00] grant to Urban Roots to support the Gardening for All Initiative, which focuses on building gardens for specific areas and providing garden education.

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

- A [\$5,000.00] grant to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to advocate for and with individuals with Down Syndrome and their families to break down any barriers to full, productive and satisfying lives.
- A [\$5,000.00] grant to the Robert Unsworth Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide tennis equipment and instruction to public schools and youth groups.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY23-24 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 2 Constituents (C100102) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$10,000.00] to Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada and Robert Unsworth Foundation.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada: \$5,000.00
- Robert Unsworth Foundation: \$5,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement pursuant to NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$10,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to advocate for and with individuals with Down Syndrome and their families to break down any barriers to full, productive and satisfying lives; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Robert Unsworth Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide tennis equipment and instruction to public schools and youth groups; approve Resolutions necessary for the same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 2).

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 Funds in the amount of [\$10,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to advocate for and with individuals with Down Syndrome and their families to break down any barriers to full, productive and satisfying lives; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Robert Unsworth Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide tennis equipment and instruction to public schools and youth groups; approve Resolutions necessary for the same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds."