



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

**DATE:** January 13, 2025

**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 [\$20,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) -- a government entity -- to support the North Valleys Cleanup Program and waste removal such as abandoned vehicles; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Spanish Springs High School -- a government entity -- to support the Spanish Springs High School JROTC program; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Truckee Meadow Fire Protection District -- a government entity -- to support the cleanup of Quartz Lane and other cleanup projects; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary net zero cross fund, cross function and/or intrafund budget appropriation transfers and disbursement of funds. Manager. (Commission District 5.)  
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$20,000.00] for Commission District 5.

### **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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

On January 14, 2024 the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region, specifically through the organization's Mobile Harvest program; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Service Agency -- a government entity -- to support the Men's CrossRoads program; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Safe Embrace -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support stabilization and relocation services for victims of domestic violence; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Nevada Veterans Coalition -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the mission of honoring all veterans' past, present and future; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support meeting the needs of Washoe County residents struggling with food and housing insecurity and those impacted by the traumas of human trafficking; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension - a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes - to support the Washoe County 4-H Large Livestock and Horse Programs.

On August 20, 2024 the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$10,000.00] grant to Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support its mission to provide toys for children in need; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Senior ResQ -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes --- to support its mission to assist seniors when their rent has been raised.

## **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 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 Herman has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2024-2025:

- [\$10,000.00] grant to Washoe County Sheriff’s Office -- a government entity -- to support the North Valleys Cleanup Program and waste removal such as abandoned vehicles.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Spanish Springs High School -- a government entity -- to support the Spanish Springs High School JROTC program.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District -- a government entity -- to support the cleanup of Quartz Lane and other cleanup projects.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY25 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 5 Constituents (C100105) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a total of [\$20,000.00] to the following organizations.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District: \$5,000.00
- Spanish Springs High School JROTC: \$5,000.00

Net zero cross-fund, cross-functional and/or intrafund budget appropriation transfers are required as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost Object- G/L Account</b>	<b>Amount Increase/&lt;Decrease&gt;</b>
District 5 Special Funding - Payments to Other Agencies	100105 - 710400	<\$10,000.00>
District 5 Special Funding - Intrafund Transfer	100105 - 818000	\$10,000.00
Washoe County Sheriff’s Office: North Valleys Cleanup Program – Intrafund Transfer	20552 - 818000	<\$10,000.00>
Washoe County Sheriff’s Office: North Valleys Cleanup Program – Waste Removal	20552 - 711011	\$10,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$20,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) -- a government entity -- to support the North Valleys Cleanup

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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 [\$20,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSSO) -- a government entity -- to support the North Valleys Cleanup Program and waste removal such as abandoned vehicles; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Spanish Springs High School -- a government entity -- to support the Spanish Springs High School JROTC program; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Truckee Meadow Fire Protection District -- a government entity -- to support the cleanup of Quartz Lane and other cleanup projects; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary net zero cross fund, cross function and/or intrafund budget appropriation transfers and disbursement of funds."*