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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: December 9, 2025

DATE: Thursday, November 13, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Sally Johnston, Program Assistant, Office of the County Manager, (775) 328-2731, sjohnston@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Kate Thomas, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [$42,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [$10,000.00] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency – a government entity – to support Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) and the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce with the Cares Campus project of providing classes supporting literacy, adult basic education and workforce readiness in a quality learning environment; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Bees 4 Vets – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the program of providing hands-on training in beekeeping to veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD and/or TBI; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Truckee Meadows Blue Star Mothers of Nevada #3 - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of bringing comforts of home to soldiers fighting overseas; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Boosted Diplomas - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to provide every child in the Washoe County foster system with the opportunity to excel in school and graduate with their diploma; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Katie Grace Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support acts of kindness and charity in the community; and a [$2,500.00] grant to The Life Change Center - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support a variety of services to help people make the changes necessary to beat their drug addiction; and a [$2,500.00] grant to the Lizzy Hammond Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the development of programs to educate parents and bounce house owner/operators on the dangers and preventable measures associated with bounce houses; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Nevada Veterans Coalition - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to honor our Veterans and to support their families by providing a full military honors service that they so richly

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SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve Resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [$42,500.00] for Commission District 2.

Washoe County Strategic Objectives supported by this item:

1. Innovative Services: Strengthen our culture of service.
2. Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.
3. Fiscal Sustainability: Long-term sustainability.
4. Vulnerable Populations: Coordination between agencies & communication of programs.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 14, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [$5,000.00] grant to SPCA of Northern Nevada – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the adoptions of pets by senior citizens of Washoe County.

On August 26, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [$5,000.00] grant to Mustangs of America Foundation – a nonprofit organization created for charitable,

religious, or educational purposes – to support to support the Bureau of Land Management with the Northern Nevada Correctional Center's wild horse training program.

On August 19, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [$10,000.00] grant to Jewish Nevada – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support their mission to engage the community to invest, enrich, and ensure the vibrancy and continuity of Jewish life in Nevada through the Jewish cultural festival Milk and Honey; and a [$10,000.00] grant to Lifestyle Homes Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – for the purpose of supporting food and clothing for seniors at the Cold Springs Family Center; and a [$10,000.00] grant to Reno Toy Run - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support their mission of providing toys for children at Christmas; and a [$10,000.00] grant to Senior ResQ - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support basic home finance classes for residents over age 62; and a [$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of building sustainable communities across Nevada to stabilize and improve the lives of individuals and families

On July 15, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [$2,500.00] grant to Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE) – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support partner organization Laundry to the People and its mission of aiding unhoused individuals with laundry service.

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 20, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2025-2026 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 nonprofit 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 2025-2026:

- A [$10,000.00] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency – a government entity – to support Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) and the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce with the Cares Campus project of providing classes supporting literacy, adult basic education and workforce readiness in a quality learning environment.

- A [$2,500.00] grant to Bees 4 Vets – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the program of providing hands-on training in beekeeping to veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD and/or TBI.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to Truckee Meadows Blue Star Mothers of Nevada #3 - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of bringing comforts of home to soldiers fighting overseas.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to Boosted Diplomas - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to provide every child in the Washoe County foster system with the opportunity to excel in school and graduate with their diploma.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to Katie Grace Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support acts of kindness and charity in the community.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to The Life Change Center - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support a variety of services to help people make the changes necessary to beat their drug addiction.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to the Lizzy Hammond Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the development of programs to educate parents and bounce house owner/operators on the dangers and preventable measures associated with bounce houses.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to Nevada Veterans Coalition - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to honor our Veterans and to support their families by providing a full military honors service that they so richly deserve.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to Nevadans 4 Vets - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to raise community awareness and provide financial support for various programs that honor and respect the contributions and sacrifices of deserving Northern Nevada veterans and their families.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to Northern Nevada Legal Aid - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support providing legal advice, assistance, or representation in civil matters for those who could not otherwise afford an attorney.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of rescuing dogs and cats from overcrowded shelters and helping animals with special needs.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to Senior ResQ - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support financial education for seniors.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to Seniors in Service - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of engaging

vibrant experienced volunteers to enrich Northern Nevada communities one life at a time.

- A [$2,500.00] grant to SPCA of Northern Nevada – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the adoptions of pets by senior citizens of Washoe County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY25-26 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 $42,500.00] to Washoe County Human Services Agency, Bees 4 Vets, Truckee Meadows Blue Star Mothers of Nevada #3, Boosted Diplomas, Katie Grace Foundation, The Life Change Center, Lizzy Hammond Foundation, Nevada Veterans Coalition, Nevadans 4 Vets, Northern Nevada Legal Aid, Palomino Valley Pet Rescue, Senior ResQ, Seniors in Service, and SPCA of Northern Nevada.

Expense Disbursement is required as follows:

- Bees 4 Vets: $2,500.00
- Truckee Meadows Blue Star Mothers of Nevada #3: $2,500.00
- Boosted Diplomas: $2,500.00
- Katie Grace Foundation: $2,500.00
- The Life Change Center: $2,500.00
- Lizzy Hammond Foundation: $2,500.00
- Nevada Veterans Coalition: $2,500.00
- Nevadans 4 Vets: $2,500.00
- Northern Nevada Legal Aid: $2,500.00
- Palomino Valley Pet Rescue: $2,500.00
- Senior ResQ: $2,500.00
- Seniors in Service: $2,500.00
- SPCA of Northern Nevada: $2,500.00

Cross fund and cross functional budget transfer is required as follows:

Description	**Cost Object-G/L Account**	**Amount Increase/<Decrease>**
District 2 Special Funding-Payment to Other Agencies	100102 - 710400	<$10,000.00>
District 2 Special Funding-Transfer to Homelessness	100101-812023	$10,000.00
Cares Campus for NNLC-Transfer from General	20562- 621001	$10,000.00
Cares Campus for NNLC - Professional Services	20562- 710100	$10,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [$42,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [$10,000.00] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency – a government entity – to support Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) and the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce with the Cares Campus project of providing classes supporting literacy, adult basic education and workforce readiness in a quality learning environment; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Bees 4 Vets – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the program of providing hands-on training in beekeeping to veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD and/or TBI; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Truckee Meadows Blue Star Mothers of Nevada #3- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of bringing comforts of home to soldiers fighting overseas; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Boosted Diplomas - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to provide every child in the Washoe County foster system with the opportunity to excel in school and graduate with their diploma; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Katie Grace Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support acts of kindness and charity in the community; and a [$2,500.00] grant to The Life Change Center - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support a variety of services to help people make the changes necessary to beat their drug addiction; and a [$2,500.00] grant to the Lizzy Hammond Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the development of programs to educate parents and bounce house owner/operators on the dangers and preventable measures associated with bounce houses; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Nevada Veterans Coalition - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to honor our Veterans and to support their families by providing a full military honors service that they so richly deserve; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Nevadans 4 Vets - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to raise community awareness and provide financial support for various programs that honor and respect the contributions and sacrifices of deserving Northern Nevada veterans and their families; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Northern Nevada Legal Aid - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support providing legal advice, assistance, or representation in civil matters for those who could not otherwise afford an attorney; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of rescuing dogs and cats from overcrowded shelters and helping animals with special needs; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Senior ResQ - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support financial education for seniors; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Seniors in Service - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of engaging vibrant experienced volunteers to enrich Northern Nevada communities one life at a time; and a [$2,500.00] grant to SPCA of Northern Nevada – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the adoptions of pets by senior citizens of Washoe County; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to approve recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [$42,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [$10,000.00] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency – a government entity – to support Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) and the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce with the Cares Campus project of providing classes supporting literacy, adult basic education and workforce readiness in a quality learning environment; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Bees 4 Vets – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the program of providing hands-on training in beekeeping to veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD and/or TBI; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Truckee Meadows Blue Star Mothers of Nevada #3- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of bringing comforts of home to soldiers fighting overseas; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Boosted Diplomas - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to provide every child in the Washoe County foster system with the opportunity to excel in school and graduate with their diploma; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Katie Grace Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support acts of kindness and charity in the community; and a [$2,500.00] grant to The Life Change Center - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support a variety of services to help people make the changes necessary to beat their drug addiction; and a [$2,500.00] grant to the Lizzy Hammond Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the development of programs to educate parents and bounce house owner/operators on the dangers and preventable measures associated with bounce houses; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Nevada Veterans Coalition - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to honor our Veterans and to support their families by providing a full military honors service that they so richly deserve; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Nevadans 4 Vets - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission to raise community awareness and provide financial support for various programs that honor and respect the contributions and sacrifices of deserving Northern Nevada veterans and their families; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Northern Nevada Legal Aid - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support providing legal advice, assistance, or representation in civil matters for those who could not otherwise afford an attorney; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of rescuing dogs and cats from overcrowded shelters and helping animals with special needs; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Senior ResQ - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support financial education for seniors; and a [$2,500.00] grant to Seniors in Service - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the mission of engaging vibrant experienced volunteers to enrich Northern Nevada communities one life at a time; and a [$2,500.00] grant to SPCA of Northern Nevada – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to*

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