



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** *December 10, 2019*

**DATE:** Thursday, December 05, 2019  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Gabrielle Enfield, County Grants Administrator  
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**THROUGH:** Christine Vuletich, Assistant County Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a grant award for FY 2019-20 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of [\$10,000]; approve Resolution necessary for same. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

Recommendation to approve a [\$10,000] grant award to Silver State Fair Housing Council to affirmatively further fair housing in Washoe County. All grant awards to other entities must be approved through a resolution approved by the Board of County Commissioners per NRS 244.1505.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Stewardship of our Community.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On June 19, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners approved a grant award for FY 2018-19 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; and grant awards from FY2017-2018 funds for Artown in the amount of \$25,000; and Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation in the amount of \$10,000; and approved Resolutions necessary for same.

June 13, 2017, the Board of County Commissions approved grant award for FY 2017-2018 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; and grant awards from FY2016-2017 funds for Artown in the amount of \$25,000; Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation in the amount of \$10,000; and Education Alliance of Washoe County in the amount of \$9,213.

June 21, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approve grant awards for FY 2016-2017 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; Artown in the amount of \$25,000; and Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.

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

Washoe County has been providing funding to support Silver State Fair Housing Council for more than 20 years.

### **BACKGROUND**

Historically, Washoe County has made Community Support funds available to local community-based providers to support services that address diverse health and human service needs in the community or contribute to economic development and quality of life issues.

Below is a summary of Community Support planned budget expenses for FY20, and a summary of Silver State Fair Housing Council.

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT FY2020:**

##### **Mandated Support:**

- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Compact \$36,000
- Silver State Fair Housing \$10,000

##### **Economic Development:**

- EDAWN \$41,300
- Western Nevada Development District \$7,500

##### **Grant Awards with FY18-19 budgeted funds June 11, 2019**

- Artown 2019 \$25,000

### **Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC)**

SSFHC is a nonprofit that works to ensure equal housing opportunity for all residents of northern Nevada. Washoe County has provided funding to SSFHC, since 1998 to support a variety of services including development and dissemination of informational materials and education to increase community awareness of housing discrimination, Fair Housing Act protections, and fair housing rights and responsibilities.

As a recipient of federal grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washoe County is required to demonstrate efforts to further fair housing standards in our community. SSFHC seeks to increase community awareness of housing discrimination by providing community members with information to detect and report housing discrimination, and by educating housing providers about fair housing rights and responsibilities. Successful fair housing advocacy through community awareness provides a substantial benefit to residents of Washoe County by ensuring that equal housing opportunity is available to all residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient budget authority exists for the SSFHC grant award within the Community Support Program in the Office of the County Manager's FY2019-20 approved budget in Internal Order Silver State Fair Housing Council (IO 60044) G/L Account Payment to Other Agencies (710400)..

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve a grant award for FY 2019-20 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; approve Resolution necessary for same.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board accept staff's recommendation a possible motion would be:

*"Recommendation to approve a grant award for FY 2019-20 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; approve Resolution necessary for same."*