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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *January 26, 2021*

DATE: Monday, January 11, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Maria Alvarado, Special Projects Program Assistant,
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve donation of two obsolete golf carts with a current market value estimated at \$625 each [total estimated value at \$1,250] to Karma Box Project in need of such equipment for the Built for Zero River Stewards Program funded by the Truckee River Fund. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve a donation of equipment to the Karma Box Project in support of the Built for Zero River Stewards Program. Pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) may donate to a governmental entity and certain non-profit organizations for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the citizens of the Washoe County.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 22, 2020, the BCC accepted a grant from the Truckee River Fund to improve the Truckee River water quality by reducing the amount of pollution in the River as a result of encampments along and near the Truckee River with the eventual goal of drastically reducing the number of people camping along the River and providing those vulnerable populations with resources. The project is a partnership between the Washoe County Built for Zero team, local non-profits and government partners.

On October 13, 2020 the BCC approved an amended Agreement for Professional Services between Washoe County and the Karma Box Project for work related to the Built for Zero initiative, specifically River Clean Up and Homeless Encampment Data Project.

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BACKGROUND

Encampments result in the production of human waste, trash, medical waste and sharps (devices with sharp points or edges which are often also biohazards) being disposed in or near the Truckee River, instead of in an appropriate fashion that would keep waste out of the Truckee River. By creating relationships with unsheltered individuals, empowering them to participate in river-clean ups, and engaging them with the goal of moving into housing, the utilization of encampments along the Truckee River will be diminished. It is difficult to get vehicles close to the river to remove the trash bags; the golf carts will improve the efficiency of this project. The golf carts have been a retired asset, they have been on County property and no longer in use.

FISCAL IMPACT

The donation of the golf carts [estimated at \$1,250] to Karma Box Project does not have a fiscal impact to Washoe County. The golf carts are not included in the County's current fixed assets list.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve donation of two obsolete golf carts with a current market value estimated at \$625 each [total estimated value at \$1,250] to Karma Box Project in need of such equipment for the Built for Zero River Stewards Program funded by the Truckee River Fund.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:
"Move to approve donation of two obsolete golf carts with a current market value estimated at \$625 each [total estimated value at \$1,250] to Karma Box Project in need of such equipment for the Built for Zero River Stewards Program funded by the Truckee River Fund."