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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *February 14, 2023*

DATE: Thursday, February 09, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Candee Ramos, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Manager, (775) 276-3846, cramos@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, in the amount of [\$3,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$1,000.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support its Project Citizen Community Engagement in Public Policy program, which is designed to provide supplemental educational services to teachers and students on matters of civic engagement; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to TEDx Reno -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the independently organized TED event, which generally consists of short presentations by leading-edge thinkers and doers who share "ideas worth spreading" that tackle humanity's toughest questions with innovation, enterprise, and optimism; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 1)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$3,000.00] for Commission District 1.

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

On July 12, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$30,000.00] to the Incline Village/Crystal Bay Visitors Bureau to support the Spring 2022 Tahoe-Truckee

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Area Regional Transit (TART) - Connect Zone 3 Project; [\$5,000.00] to the Tahoe Fund to support the ongoing sustainable tourism initiative, Take Care Tahoe; [\$2,500.00] to the Incline Village Crystal Bay Community & Business Association (IVCBA) to utilize for event expenses associated with the Local Heroes Celebration and IVCB Sky Show; [\$1,000.00] grant to the Reno Bike Project to help recover costs to facilitate the 4th annual Tri-Lab event held on June 9, 2022.

On August 16, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$1,000.00] to The Tahoe Fund to support the 2022 Lake Tahoe Summit.

On September 27, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$25,000.00] to the Downtown Reno Partnership through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada to support the funding of a T3 Patroller; [\$1,500.00] to the Truckee Meadows Bike Alliance to support the Dutch Cycling Embassy ThinkBike Workshop.

On October 18, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$25,000.00] to the Incline Village Crystal Bay Community & Business Association (IVCBA) to support funding of the Incline Village Main Street program; [\$2,500.00] to the Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition to fund the update, print, and distribution of Lake Tahoe Bicycle Maps.

On November 15, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$2,500.00] to the Washoe County Green Team to support awareness of green initiatives.

On December 20, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$1,000.00] to the Washoe County Commissioner Support Team -- a government entity -- to support the Washoe County Academy Leadership Academy (WCLA) class project.

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 17, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2022-2023 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 Hill has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2022-2023:

- [\$1,000.00] to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support its Project Citizen Community Engagement in Public Policy program. The

program encourages critical thinking, confidence, active listening, communication, and presentation skills to support teachers, empower students and engage the community for a more educated Nevada.

- [\$2,000.00] to TEDx Reno -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the independently organized TED event. TED Talk videos reach millions of people each day, and through short presentations leading-edge thinkers and doers share “ideas worth spreading” that tackle humanity’s toughest questions with innovation, enterprise, and optimism.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY23 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 1 Constituents (C100101) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a total of [\$3,000.00] to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement and TEDx Reno.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- [\$1,000.00] to Nevada Center for Civic Engagement to support its Project Citizen Community Engagement in Public Policy program
- [\$2,000.00] to TEDx Reno to support the independently organized TED event.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, in the amount of [\$3,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$1,000.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support its Project Citizen Community Engagement in Public Policy program; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to TEDx Reno -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the independently organized TED event; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 1)

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, in the amount of [\$3,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$1,000.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support its Project Citizen Community Engagement in Public Policy program; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to TEDx Reno -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the independently organized TED event; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds.”*