



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 19, 2025

**DATE:** Thursday, August 14, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Interim County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$45,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends 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; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 2).

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### **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve Resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$45,000.00] 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.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY25-26 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 2 Constituents (C100102) Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and

distribution of a [total of \$45,000.00] to Jewish Nevada, Lifestyle Homes Foundation, Reno Toy Run, Senior ResQ, and Opportunity Alliance Nevada.

Expense Disbursement is required as follows:

- Jewish Nevada: \$10,000.00
- Lifestyle Homes Foundation: \$10,000.00
- Reno Toy Run: \$10,000.00
- Senior ResQ: \$10,000.00
- Opportunity Alliance Nevada: \$ 5,000.00

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$45,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends 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; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 2).

### **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 [\$45,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends 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,*

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