

# WASHOE COUNTY

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# STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: November 28, 2023

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Eric Brown, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission

District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$2,500.00] for

Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to Urban Roots – a non-profit

organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the Gardening for All Initiative, which focuses on building

gardens for specific areas and providing garden education; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 2).

## **SUMMARY**

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

#### 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

# **PREVIOUS ACTION**

No prior action this year.

## **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 16, 2023 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget with special district funds allocated per

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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 Clark has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2023-2024:

• [\$2,500.00] grant to Urban Roots – a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the Gardening for All Initiative, which focuses on building gardens for specific areas and providing garden education.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY23-24 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 \$2,500.00] to Urban Roots.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

• Urban Roots: \$2,500.00

#### RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement pursuant to NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$2,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Urban Roots – a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the Gardening for All Initiative, which focuses on building gardens for specific areas and providing garden education; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office 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 Funds in the amount of [\$2,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to Urban Roots – a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support

the Gardening for All Initiative, which focuses on building gardens for specific areas and providing garden education; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds."