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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023

**DATE:** May 10, 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 [\$33,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 4 Commissioner Clara Andriola recommends a [\$23,500.00] grant to the Nevada Water Innovation Institute -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's research and strategic partnerships that address the scarcity of water in northern Nevada to promote health and economic growth in the Truckee Meadows; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Nevada Peer Support Network -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support its mission to provide quality mental health resources and support to first responders and hospital health care professionals; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 4). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

### **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$33,500.00] for Commission District 4.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item(s):**

1. Fiscal Sustainability: Long-term sustainability.
2. Economic Impacts: Meet the needs of our growing community, support a thriving community, and plan for expanded wastewater and storm water.
3. Innovative Services: Strengthen our culture of service and promote experimentation and innovation.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On July 19, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$20,000.00] to the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation (NNCCF) to provide emotional and financial support to local children battling cancer. NNCCF has provided help, hope and courage to local families affected by childhood cancer since 2000.

On August 16, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to Moms on the Run to support the program's efforts to help offset medical expenses and alleviate financial stress of Northern Nevada women diagnosed with breast or gynecological

cancer; [\$2,500.00] to Donor Network West for the purpose of purchasing keepsake remembrance items for donor families whose loved ones are honored at the annual Tree of Life leaf placement ceremony in Nevada; and [\$2,500.00] to Nevada Donor Network Foundation to provide outreach and education for Northern Nevadans encouraging organ, eye and tissue donation.

On August 23, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to the Reno Sparks Pop Warner, which enables young people to benefit from participation in team sports and activities in a safe and structured environment.

On October 18, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to Rollan Melton Elementary School to benefit the students of the Reno elementary school; [\$5,000.00] to Spanish Springs Elementary School to benefit the students of the Sparks elementary school; [\$5,000.00] to the third grade classroom of Ms. Kristy McMillan, a classroom of Spanish Springs Elementary School to benefit the students within Ms. McMillan's class, specifically; and [\$500.00] to the Washoe County Human Services Agency to support the Moving Towards Hope 5K run/walk to bring awareness to, prevention of, and remembrance of teen suicide.

On December 13, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$10,000.00] to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to support the organization's efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region.

On December 20, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$1,000.00] to the Washoe County Commission Support Program to benefit the Washoe County Leadership Academy class project.

On February 14, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada to support the organization's efforts to help children realize their potential and build their futures by supporting the Big Chefs Little Gala events.

## **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, 2021, 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 Andriola has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2022-2023:

- [\$23,500.00] grant to the Nevada Water Innovation Institute -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's research and strategic partnerships that address the scarcity of water in northern Nevada to promote health and economic growth in the Truckee Meadows. The Nevada Water Innovation Institute takes new approaches to water management, including pollution prevention, water reclamation and reuse, and education of our future workforce and community on sustainable water use.
- [\$10,000.00] grant to the Nevada Peer Support Network -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support its mission to provide quality mental health resources and support to first responders and hospital health care professionals. The Nevada Peer Support Network accomplishes this with collaborative efforts to improve resilience by means of breaking down barriers surrounding mental health and align those that serve with optimum mental readiness.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY23 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 4 Constituents (C100104) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a total of [\$33,500.00] to the Nevada Water Innovation Institute and the Nevada Peer Support Network.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Nevada Water Innovation Institute: \$23,500.00
- Nevada Peer Support Network: \$10,000.00

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$33,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 4 Commissioner Clara Andriola recommends a [\$23,500.00] grant to the Nevada Water Innovation Institute -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's research and strategic partnerships that address the scarcity of water in northern Nevada to promote health and economic growth in the Truckee Meadows; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Nevada Peer Support Network - - a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support its mission to provide quality mental health resources and support to first responders and hospital health care professionals; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 4.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

### **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 [\$33,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 4 Commissioner Clara Andriola recommends a [\$23,500.00] grant to the Nevada Water Innovation Institute -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's research and strategic partnerships that address the scarcity of water in northern Nevada to promote health and economic growth in the Truckee Meadows; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Nevada Peer*

*Support Network -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support its mission to provide quality mental health resources and support to first responders and hospital health care professionals; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds."*