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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 20, 2023

DATE: May 23, 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, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$10,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Washoe County 4-H Large Livestock and Horse Programs; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 5.)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$10,000.00] for Commission District 5.

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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

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

On January 17, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$20,000.00] to Safe Embrace to support the organization's efforts to provide compassionate and trauma-informed services to individuals suffering from domestic abuse, sexual violence or human trafficking; [\$10,000.00] to the Vya Conservation District for the purpose of supporting natural resource conservation and ensuring sustainable use of northwestern Nevada's natural resources; [\$10,000.00] to the Washoe-Storey Conservation District -- a government entity -- for the purpose of fostering environmental stewardship and management of natural resources; [\$10,000.00] to the Reno Air Racing Association to support the Reno Air Races event and for its Pilot Training Scholarships and STEM initiatives; [\$5,000.00] to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to support the organization's efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region; [\$2,500.00] to Our Story, Inc. for the purpose of benefiting the Northern Nevada African American Firefighter Museum; [\$2,500.00] to the Adopt A Vet Dental Program to provide free critical and life-saving dental care to impoverished veterans in Nevada; [\$2,500.00] to the Washoe County Human Services Agency for the purpose of supporting the Men's CrossRoads program, a supportive living community providing drug- and alcohol-free housing and programming for men transitioning out of homelessness; [\$2,500.00] to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans; [\$2,500.00] to The Salvation Army to support its human trafficking survivor program; [\$2,500.00] to the Veterans Guest House to support its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need; and [\$2,000.00] to the Center for Healthy Aging for the purpose of supporting its intergenerational community garden site and indigenous food program, Teach Me To Grow Healthy.

On March 28, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$2,000.00] to The Sons and Daughters of Erin to support the program's efforts to promote Irish heritage and culture.

On May 16, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$15,000.00] to Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department to support costs associated with the purchase, installation and support of a generator at the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department.

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 Herman has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2022-2023:

- [\$5,000.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation. Since the launch of Awaken in 2011, Awaken has reached more than 700 women and children in Northern Nevada.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Washoe County 4-H Large Livestock and Horse Programs. By understanding the complex experiences that youth face and promoting high-quality youth leadership development, 4-H helps youth meet the challenges of adolescence and transition to adulthood.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY23 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 5 Constituents (C100105) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$10,000.00] to Awaken and the Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Awaken: \$5,000.00
- Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension: \$5,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$10,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Washoe County 4-H Large Livestock and Horse Programs; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 5.)

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 [\$10,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-*

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