



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 28, 2024

**DATE:** May 7, 2024

**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 [\$5,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful – a nonprofit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – for the purpose of supporting the organization’s continued community-wide clean-up efforts, like the Great Community Cleanup and partnership with Washoe County for the Sun Valley drop off site; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 3.)

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### **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$5,000.00] for Commission District 3.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objectives supported by this item:**

1. Economic Impacts: Meet the Needs of Our Growing Community, Support a Thriving Community
2. Innovative Services: Strengthening Our Culture of Service

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On May 14, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$5,000.00] grant to JUSTin Hope Foundation – a nonprofit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – for the purpose of supporting families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Note-Able Music Therapy Services – a nonprofit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – for the purpose of supporting individuals with disabilities through a range of adaptive and neurologic musical therapy services.

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On April 16, 2024, Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$35,000.00] grant to Sierra Nevada Journeys – a nonprofit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – for the purpose of supporting the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education of 700 children.

On March 26, 2024, Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$5,000.00] grant to Truckee Meadows Bicycle Alliance (TMBA) – a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – for the purpose of covering costs associated with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ride Reno/Cycle Sparks event.

On November 28, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$5,000.00] grant to Glenn Duncan STEM Academy – a government entity – toward commissioning a physical education teacher, purchasing of athletic equipment, commissioning an artist for a new mural and retouching an existing mural, supporting the students and families with counseling, and purchasing social-emotional classroom materials; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Options Veterinary Care – a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – which provides quality, affordable, and accessible spay/neuter services and veterinary care options for pets; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Urban Roots – a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the Gardening for All initiative.

On September 19, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$5,000.00] grant to Be the Change Project – a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to work with artists and kids to make murals and sculptures providing art to the community; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Nevada Museum of Art – a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the new Education and Research Center; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Domestic Violence Resource Center – a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support its emergency shelter and transitional housing residents.

On August 15, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$5,000.00] grant to Noah’s Animal House – a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – to support the organization’s mission to provide on-site pet shelter and care for victims of domestic violence.

## **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 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 Garcia has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2023-2024:

- [\$5,000.00] grant to Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful – a nonprofit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – for the purpose of supporting the organization’s continued community-wide clean-up efforts, like the Great Community Cleanup and partnership with Washoe County for the Sun Valley drop off site.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY23-24 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 3 Constituents (C100103) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$5,000.00] to:

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful: \$5,000.00

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$5,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful – a nonprofit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes – for the purpose of supporting the organization’s continued community-wide clean-up efforts, like the Great Community Cleanup and partnership with Washoe County for the Sun Valley drop off site; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 3).

### **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 [\$5,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends [\$5,000.00] grant to Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful – a nonprofit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes - for the purpose of supporting the organization’s continued community-wide clean-up efforts, like the Great Community Cleanup and partnership with*

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