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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 14, 2024

DATE: April 24, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Sally Johnston, Program Assistant, Office of the County Manager, (775) 328-2731, sjohnston@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 [\$5,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting its mission of providing support and comfort in the time of grief, trauma, and loss; 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 [\$5,000.00] 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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 16, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$10,000.00] grant to Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID) -- a government entity and a quasi-municipal corporation -- for the purpose of improving and maintaining the roads

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managed by the organization, a [\$7,500.00] grant to the 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 [\$7,500.00] grant to Washoe County Human Services Agency -- a government entity -- for the purpose of supporting the Men's Crossroads program, a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Veterans Guest House -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need, a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Adopt-A-Vet Dental Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to provide free critical and life-saving dental care to impoverished veterans in Nevada, and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans.

On January 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$20,000.00] grant to Washoe County Community Services Department -- a government entity -- to provide reimbursement for the Roads Department's reconstruction of Dugway Road and various improvements, and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Safe Embrace -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support stabilization and relocation services for victims of domestic violence.

On November 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$10,000.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation, a [\$10,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support meeting the needs of Washoe County residents struggling with food and housing insecurity, and those impacted by the traumas of human trafficking, as part of the Red Kettle fundraising goal, and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support the organization's efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region, particularly its Mobile Harvest program.

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 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 organizations in fiscal year 2023-2024:

- [\$2,500.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to support the program’s caregiving support. The foundation’s funding provides a positive alternative for individuals unable to die at home, while providing physical, social, emotional, and spiritual care.
- [\$2,500.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting its mission of providing support and comfort in the time of grief, trauma, and loss.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY24 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 [\$5,000.00] to the following organizations.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Circle of Life Hospice Foundation: \$2,500.00
- Great Basin Chaplain Corps: \$2,500.00

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 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program’s caregiving support; a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting its mission of providing support and comfort in the time of grief, trauma, and loss 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 [\$5,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-*

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