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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025

DATE: Thursday, August 21, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation in accordance with NRS 244.1505, to approve FY26 Community Support grant award to: Nevada Tahoe Conservation District (NTCD) in the amount of [\$12,390] to support the Tahoe Meadows South Sustainable Recreation and Pedestrian Safety improvements Feasibility Analysis; approve Resolution 25-97 for the same; and direct Finance to make the budget appropriation disbursements. (Commission Districts 1.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve a community support grant award for FY26 for the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, providing additional support in the amount of [\$12,309], to Nevada Tahoe Conservation District to complete a feasibility analysis regarding the possible construction of permanent paved parking as well as exploring safety improvements for pedestrians. All grant awards to other entities must be approved through a resolution approved by the Board of County Commissioners per NRS 244.1505.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: *Innovative Services*

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 10, 2024 the Board of County Commissioners approved, Community Support grant awards to: Sun Valley General Improvement District in the amount of \$90,000 for FY25, and a grant of \$10,000 for Silver State Fair Housing Council.

On December 19, 2023 the Board of County Commissioners approved, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Community Support grant awards to: Sun Valley General Improvement District in the amount of \$90,000 for FY24.

June 12, 2023, Silver State Fair Housing Council in the amount of \$20,000 to support fair housing for two years; Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to support Confluence, an artwork in Reno; Gerlach General Improvement District in the amount of \$10,000 to support the restoration of the historic Water Tower; and Artown in the amount of \$50,000 to support the month-long summer arts festival for two years.

March 22, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, a Community Support grant award to Artown, a nonprofit corporation organized for charitable, religious, or educational purposes, in the amount of \$25,000 to support the month-long summer arts festival.

Washoe County has been providing funding to support Silver State Fair Housing Council and Artown most years for more than 20 years.

BACKGROUND

Historically, Washoe County has made Community Support funds available to local community-based providers to support services that address diverse health and human service needs in the community or contribute to economic development and quality of life issues.

These funds will provide the NTCD with the necessary matching funds to match for the “Tahoe Meadows South Sustainable Recreation and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Feasibility Analysis.”. Matching funds in the amount of \$12,390 with 1:1 is required for the grant from the Tahoe Fund in the amount of \$12,390.

Project Description:

Due to its elevation and proximity to Reno, the Mt. Rose Highway near Tahoe Meadows and the former Incline Lake site is a popular recreational area, particularly during the winter months (over 50,000 winter visitors annually). Winter activities in this area include Nordic and backcountry skiing, sledding, snow play, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. The site is directly across from 13 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails maintained by the non-profit Nevada Nordic.

Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) owns a five-acre parcel in this area that could serve as a potential off-highway parking solution. Currently, some parking occurs within the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) right-of-way at this location. A feasibility analysis will evaluate the possibility of constructing a permanent paved parking lot on this site, as well as exploring on-highway pedestrian safety improvements, such as signage and crosswalks.

The analysis will address key aspects, including ownership, liability, maintenance, snow plowing, costs, traffic and road safety, prioritization and scheduling, facility management, nearby projects, required permits, public input, and potential funding sources. It will also prioritize identifying "low-hanging fruit" solutions that can be implemented quickly to improve safety and access for winter recreation users. The final product will be a grant-ready report, equipping project partners with the tools needed to secure funding for implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY26 budget authority exists under the Community Support fund 181-0 in the Office of the County Manager's FY26 approved budget. This action requests approval and distribution of a total of [\$12,390] as outlined below:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
CC 183110 Nonprofit Grants	710400 - Payment to Other Agencies	\$12,390

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board accept staff's recommendation a possible motion would be: *"Approve FY26 Community Support grant award to: Nevada Tahoe Conservation District (NTCD) in the amount of [\$12,390] to support the Tahoe Meadows South Sustainable Recreation and Pedestrian Safety improvements Feasibility Analysis; approve Resolution 25-97 for the same; and direct Finance to make the budget appropriation disbursements."*