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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 08, 2022

DATE: Thursday, March 03, 2022

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 [\$24,780.00] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$14,780.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - - for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its human trafficking survivor program; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds (Commission District 5).

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$24,780.00] for Commission District 5.

Washoe County Strategic Objectives supported by this item:

Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 14, 2021, Commissioner Jeanne Herman directed a [\$10,220.00] grant to the Community Service Department (CSD) of Washoe County to install two auto door paddles for both entrances at the Cold Springs Community Center for the purpose of assisting those with physical disabilities to easily access the Center, and a [\$20,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) to support and provide for families in need through more than 145 partner agencies across northern Nevada, and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension to support the Washoe County 4-H Large Livestock and Horse programs.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On January 25, 2022, Commissioner Jeanne Herman directed a [\$2,500.00] grant to Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada to fill the gap in services that provide critical home repairs needed by homeowners of modest means; a [\$10,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army to support its human trafficking survivor program; a [\$10,000.00] grant to Veteran's Guest House to support 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 Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Adopt A Vet Dental Program to provide free critical and life-saving dental care to impoverished veterans in Nevada; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, Mental Health program, to support the Veterans Crisis Line for the purpose of providing suicide prevention mental health services to U.S. military veterans.

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 18, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022:

- [\$10,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army to support its human trafficking survivor program. Through its comprehensive case management services, the program coordinates emergency shelter, transportation, clothing, food, victim advocacy and much more, taking a holistic approach to clients' needs to help them move from victimization to self-sufficiency.
- [\$14,780.00] grant to Awaken for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation, with the goal for victims of trafficking to be restored to their fullest potential.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY22 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 \$24,780.00] to Awaken and to The Salvation Army.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- [\$10,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army to support its human trafficking survivor program.
- [\$14,780.00] grant to Awaken for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation, with the goal for victims of trafficking to be restored to their fullest potential.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approving, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of a [\$14,780.00] grant to Awaken for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; and a [\$10,000] grant to The Salvation Army to support its human trafficking survivor program; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 5)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to approve recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Funds in the amount of [\$14,780.00] grant to Awaken for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; and a [\$10,000] grant to The Salvation Army to support its human trafficking survivor program; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds."*