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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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 [$22,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [$2,000.00] grant to My Haven -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the building of a sensory indoor playground for individuals with diverse needs; an [$8,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of rescuing special needs animals and placing them into permanent homes; a [$2,000.00] grant to Music With Confidence -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of empowering children with emotional and physical challenges using performing arts to build confidence and social skills; a [$5,000.00] grant to Scenic Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the scenic character of Nevada; a [$2,500.00] grant to The Retired Investigators Guild -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its work to restore faith in law enforcement through its primary focus of solving cold case crimes; and a [$2,500.00] grant to the India Association of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support scholarship programs for children in the community; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 2). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve Resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [$22,500.00] for Commission District 2.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Washoe County Strategic Objectives supported by this item:

1. Innovative Services: strengthen our culture of service.
2. Vulnerable Populations: coordination between agencies & communication of programs.
3. Economic Impacts: support a thriving community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 8, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [$7,500.00] grant to Senior ResQ -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the partnership with Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) in removing brush, bushes, and shrubs from the homes of low-income seniors.

On March 11, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [$10,000.00] grant to Jewish Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission to engage the community to invest, enrich, and ensure the vibrancy and continuity of Jewish life in Nevada; and a [$10,000.00] grant to 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; and a [$10,000.00] grant to Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support its mission of providing toys for children in need; and a [$5,000.00] grant to Katie Grace Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the Cold Springs Senior Citizen outreach initiative to provide essential everyday items to Seniors.

On August 20, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [$10,000.00] grant to Jewish Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission to engage the community to invest, enrich, and ensure the vibrancy and continuity of Jewish life in Nevada; and a [$10,000.00] grant to 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; and a [$10,000.00] grant to Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support its mission of providing toys for children in need; and a [$5,000.00] grant to Sanford Center for Aging (OLLI) -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission to enhance the quality of life and well-being among elders through education, translational research, and community outreach.

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 21, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2024-2025 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 Clark has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2024-2025:

- A [$2,000.00] grant to My Haven -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the building of a sensory indoor playground for individuals with diverse needs.
- An [$8,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - to support its mission of rescuing special needs animal and placing them into permanent homes.
- A [$2,000.00] grant to Music With Confidence -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - to support its mission of empowering children with emotional and physical challenges using performing arts to build confidence and social skills.
- A [$5,000.00] grant to Scenic Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the scenic character of Nevada.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to The Retired Investigators Guild -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - to support its work to restore faith in law enforcement through its primary focus of solving cold case crimes.
- A [$2,500.00] grant to the India Association of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support scholarship program for children in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY24-25 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 2 Constituents (C100102) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of $22,500.00] to My Haven, Palomino Valley Pet Rescue, Music With Confidence, Scenic Nevada, The Retired Investigators Guild, and India Association of Northern Nevada.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- My Haven: $2,000.00
- Palomino Valley Pet Rescue: $8,500.00
- Music With Confidence: $2,000.00
- Scenic Nevada: $5,000.00
- The Retired Investigators Guild: $2,500.00
- India Association of Northern Nevada: $2,500.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [$22,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [$2,000.00] grant to My Haven -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the building of a sensory indoor playground for individuals with diverse needs; an [$8,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of rescuing special needs animals and placing them into permanent homes; a [$2,000.00] grant to Music With Confidence -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of empowering children with emotional and physical challenges using performing arts to build confidence and social skills; a [$5,000.00] grant to Scenic Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the scenic character of Nevada; a [$2,500.00] grant to The Retired Investigators Guild -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its work to restore faith in law enforcement through its primary focus of solving cold case crimes; and a [$2,500.00] grant to the India Association of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support scholarship programs for children in the community; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 2).

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 [$22,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [$2,000.00] grant to My Haven -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the building of a sensory indoor playground for individuals with diverse needs; an [$8,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of rescuing special needs animals and placing them into permanent homes; a [$2,000.00] grant to Music With Confidence -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational

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