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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 26, 2021

DATE: Thursday, October 21, 2021
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Marc De La Torre, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Manager, (775) 225-6332, mdelatorre@washoecounty.gov
THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager
SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$5,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a grant to the Washoe County Green Team by supporting awareness of green initiatives; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers. (Commission District 1.)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$5,000] for Commission District 1.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

1. Vulnerable Populations – Coordination Between Agencies & Communication of Programs

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 17, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$25,000] to the Downtown Reno Partnership through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, as a restricted grant designated to support the funding of a van for the Downtown Reno Partnership Ambassadors and a [\$1,000] to Local Food Network to support the Reno Local Food Faire event production expenses, including insurance, marketing, and equipment rental.

On September 28, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$10,000] to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) to support the Lake Tahoe Future of Tourism shared Vision & Destination Stewardship Roadmap request for proposal with the purpose of utilizing professional and/or consultant services to develop a roadmap document to help guide the future of sustainable recreation and tourism in the region and [\$14,000] to Soulful Seeds to support the creation of a fire resistant structure to store tools and gardening equipment for the use of women and families at the Our Place campus.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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. 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 Commissioners, directly or indirectly benefit any campaign efforts by a commissioner, violate Ethics in Government law, or used to purchase tickets to special events.

Commissioner Hill has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2021-2022;

[\$5,000] to the Washoe County Green Team (internal to Washoe County) for their efforts to make the Washoe County buildings more energy efficient, support staff to conserve resources, and other green initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY22 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 1 Constituents (C100101) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$5,000] to the Washoe County Green Team.

A cross-fund budget appropriation transfer and cash transfer are required as follows:

Description	Cost Object- G/L Account	Amount Increase/<Decrease>
District 1 Constituents - Payments to Other Agencies	100101- 710400	<\$5,000>
District 1 Constituents - Transfer to Other Restricted Fund	100105- 812270	\$5,000
Washoe County Green Team - Other Expense	20349- 710500	\$5,000
Washoe County Green Team - Transfer from General	20349- 621001	\$5,000

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approving Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$5,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a

[\$5,000] grant to the Washoe County Green Team by supporting awareness of green initiatives; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve Commission District Special Funds in the amount of [\$5,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000] grant to the Washoe County Green Team by supporting awareness of green initiatives; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers.*