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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 27, 2023

**DATE:** June 13, 2023

**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 [\$8,600.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$1,600.00] grant to the Reno Housing Authority -- a governmental entity in the form of a public body corporate and politic for municipal purposes under NRS 315.320 -- to support their mission to provide fair, sustainable, quality housing for low-income families to pursue economic opportunities, become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to increase awareness and education surrounding the issue of commercial sexual exploitation; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal of providing a residence camp over the summer to 45 girls who would otherwise not be able to attend; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to the Holland Project -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to produce art, music, and culture that is "by young people, for young people"; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to Tu Casa Latina -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide humanitarian forms of relief for women, men, and children who are victims of crimes, domestic violence, abuse and trafficking in Northern Nevada; and a [\$1,000.00] grant to Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada's St. Vincent's Food Pantry -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Sun Valley Food Pantry's goal of purchasing additional carts to increase family and senior shopping; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 3.)

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AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

## **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$8,600.00] for Commission District 3.

### **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 June 20, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$1,000.00] to the Sun Valley General Improvement District to retroactively support their Dive into Summer Event held on June 16, 2023, as part of their kick-off to the recreation season.

On May 23, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to ReDirect Athletics to support their mission to help youth of all age find a healthy outlet for everyday life through mentoring and athletic training; and [\$2,500.00] to Black Wall Street to support their mission to provide resources and services to black and under-served communities; and [\$2,500.00] to Latino Arte and Culture to support their mission to create, produce, and present the Hispanic-Latinx diverse arts and culture to a wider community.

On May 9, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to Soulful Seeds to support costs associated with the construction of a community garden at Our Place; and [\$5,000.00] to Shades of Queening to support their upcoming community workshops that will promote mental health awareness and inter-generational dialogue; and a [\$5,000.00] to support the adaptive fitness program designed for adults and children with physical or cognitive disabilities and their family members.

On April 18, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$2,500.00] to the Sierra Arts Foundation to purchase supplies for the creation of “art care packages” for students exiting the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center as part of the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA) class project.

On March 28, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$2,900.00] to the Washoe County Green Team to support costs associated with the 2023 Earth Day tree planting at the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.

On December 20, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed in total [\$10,000.00] to the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA), of which [\$1,000.00] was distributed from Commission District 3 Funds.

On December 13, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$15,000.00] to Urban Roots; and [\$10,000.00] to Glenn Duncan STEM Academy; and [\$10,000.00] to the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID); and [\$8,000.00] to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitors Center; and [\$6,000.00] to Channel 5 Public Broadcasting Inc. (PBS Reno).

## **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 17, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2022-2023 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 Garcia has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2022-2023:

- [\$1,600.00] grant to the Reno Housing Authority -- a governmental entity in the form of a public body corporate and politic for municipal purposes under NRS 315.320 -- to support their mission to provide fair, sustainable, quality housing for low-income families to pursue economic opportunities, become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life. The Reno Housing Authority currently owns and manages more than 750 units of Public Housing in eight different locations in Reno and Sparks under the Public Housing Program.
- [\$1,500.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to increase awareness and education surrounding the issue of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE). Awaken believes that with the right opportunities and support, locally trafficked women and girls can overcome circumstances such as poverty, racism and gender-based violence perpetuating CSE.
- [\$1,500.00] grant to Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal of providing a residence camp over the summer to 45 girls who would otherwise not be able to attend. Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada has been working hard to rebuild after the pandemic and has committed additional staff for their outreach efforts in these communities, including LatinX and rural areas.
- [\$1,500.00] grant to the Holland Project -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to produce art, music, and culture that is “by young people, for young people”. The Holland Project produces more than 250 all-ages events annually in the Reno area.

- [\$1,500.00] grant to Tu Casa Latina -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide humanitarian forms of relief for women, men, and children who are victims of crimes, domestic violence, abuse and trafficking in Northern Nevada. Tu Casa Latina is dedicated to building a better life for women, men, and children through direct service, education, advocacy, and community involvement.
- [\$1,000.00] grant to Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada's St. Vincent's Food Pantry -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Sun Valley Food Pantry goal of purchasing additional carts to increase family and senior shopping. Their Neighborhood Centers, located in North Valleys, Sun Valley, Moana Lane, and Winnemucca, feature client choice food pantries where patrons can access food and other services located in or close proximity to a school, church, or activity center.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY23 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 3 Constituents (C100103) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$8,600.00] to Reno Housing Authority; Awaken; Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada; the Holland Project; Tu Casa Latina; and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada's St. Vincent's Food Pantry.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Reno Housing Authority: \$1,600.00
- Awaken: \$1,500.00
- Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada: \$1,500.00
- Holland Project: \$1,500.00
- Tu Casa Latina: \$1,500.00
- Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada's St. Vincent's Food Pantry: \$1,000.00

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$8,600.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$1,600.00] grant to the Reno Housing Authority -- a governmental entity in the form of a public body corporate and politic for municipal purposes under NRS 315.320 -- to support their mission to provide fair, sustainable, quality housing for low-income families to pursue economic opportunities, become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to increase awareness and education surrounding the issue of commercial sexual exploitation; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal of providing a residence camp over the summer to 45

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### **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 [\$8,600.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$1,600.00] grant to the Reno Housing Authority -- a governmental entity in the form of a public body corporate and politic for municipal purposes under NRS 315.320 -- to support their mission to provide fair, sustainable, quality housing for low-income families to pursue economic opportunities, become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to increase awareness and education surrounding the issue of commercial sexual exploitation; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal of providing a residence camp over the summer to 45 girls who would otherwise not be able to attend; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to the Holland Project -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to produce art, music, and culture that is “by young people, for young people”; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to Tu Casa Latina -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide humanitarian forms of relief for women, men, and children who are victims of crimes, domestic violence, abuse and trafficking in Northern Nevada; and a [\$1,000.00] grant to Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada’s St. Vincent’s Food Pantry -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Sun Valley Food Pantry’s goal of purchasing additional carts to increase family and senior shopping; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds.”*