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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 23, 2021

DATE: February 23, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$20,000] for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000] grant to the Downtown Reno Partnership through their fiscal agent the Community Foundation of Western Nevada for a Bigbelly trash receptacle along Virginia Street, a [\$5,000] grant to Nevada Tahoe Conservation District to implement conservation-related projects in Washoe County/Lake Tahoe, a [\$5,000] grant to The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) to support the Living Room community living program, and a [\$5,000] grant to Tahoe Prosperity Center to support AlertTahoe, Connected Tahoe, Measuring for Prosperity, Tahoe Workforce Housing, and Tahoe Economic Resiliency and Recovery Plan; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 1)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$20,000] for Commission District 1.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

Economic Impacts: Meet the needs of our growing community & support a thriving community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action taken during Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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 19, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget with special district funds allocated per Commission District in

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the amount of \$20,000. 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 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 Hill has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2020-2021:

- [\$5,000] to the Downtown Reno Partnership through their fiscal agent the Community Foundation of Western Nevada for a Bigbelly trash receptacle along Virginia Street. The Downtown Reno Partnership is a business improvement district tasked with making downtown Reno a safer, cleaner, and friendlier district for residents and visitors.
- [\$5,000] to Nevada Tahoe Conservation District to implement conservation-related projects in Washoe County/Lake Tahoe. The mission of the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District is to promote the conservation and improvement of the Lake Tahoe Basin's natural resources by providing leadership, education and technical assistance to all basin users.
- [\$5,000] to The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) to support the Living Room community living program. RISE's initiative is to cultivate a greater sense of dignity and humility by providing equal access to shelter, knowledge, and opportunity.
- [\$5,000] to Tahoe Prosperity Center to support AlertTahoe, Connected Tahoe, Measuring for Prosperity, Tahoe Workforce Housing, and Tahoe Economic Resiliency and Recovery Plan. The mission of Tahoe Prosperity Center is "Uniting Tahoe's Communities to Strengthen Regional Prosperity."

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY21 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 \$20,000] to the Downtown Reno Partnership through their fiscal agent the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) and Tahoe Prosperity Center.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Downtown Reno Partnership through their fiscal agent the Community Foundation of Western Nevada: \$5,000
- Nevada Tahoe Conservation District: \$5,000
- The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE): \$5,000
- Tahoe Prosperity Center: \$5,000

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$20,000] for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000] grant to the Downtown Reno Partnership through their fiscal agent the Community

Foundation of Western Nevada for a Bigbelly trash receptacle along Virginia Street, a [\$5,000] grant to Nevada Tahoe Conservation District to implement conservation-related projects in Washoe County/Lake Tahoe, a [\$5,000] grant to The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) to support the Living Room community living program, and a [\$5,000] grant to Tahoe Prosperity Center to support AlertTahoe, Connected Tahoe, Measuring for Prosperity, Tahoe Workforce Housing, and Tahoe Economic Resiliency and Recovery Plan; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 1)

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 [\$20,000] for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000] grant to the Downtown Reno Partnership through their fiscal agent the Community Foundation of Western Nevada for a Bigbelly trash receptacle along Virginia Street, a [\$5,000] grant to Nevada Tahoe Conservation District to implement conservation-related projects in Washoe County/Lake Tahoe, a [\$5,000] grant to The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) to support the Living Room community living program, and a [\$5,000] grant to Tahoe Prosperity Center to support AlertTahoe, Connected Tahoe, Measuring for Prosperity, Tahoe Workforce Housing, and Tahoe Economic Resiliency and Recovery Plan; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds.