



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** June 18, 2024

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 04, 2024

**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 [\$77,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission of providing toys for children in need; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Senior ResQ -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to assist seniors with help when their rent has been raised; and a [\$7,500.00] grant to the Sanford Center for Aging-- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support their mission to enhance the quality of life and well-being among elders through education, translational research, and community outreach; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of ending hunger in Northern Nevada; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Western Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the non-profits programs to educate citizens about mental illness; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Cares Campus project; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of building sustainable communities across Nevada to stabilize and improve the lives of individuals and families; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the cleanup efforts of the Virginia Range; and a [\$4,000.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting the foundations programs; and a [\$4,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada HOPES (HOPES) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of providing

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affordable, high-quality medical, behavioral health and support services for all; and a [\$3,000.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the future efforts of assisting working families through its food pantry and apprentice assistance programs; 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 program for children in the community; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to Jewish Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support their mission to engage the community to invest, enrich, and ensure the vibrancy and continuity of Jewish life in Nevada; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the We the People: Civil and Constitution program to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to Guitars for Vets, a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the music therapy program for veterans; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to Veteran's Guest House -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Service Agency -- a government entity -- to support the Sparks Senior Center water filling station; approve Resolutions necessary for the same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 2).

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## **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$77,000.00] for Commission District 2.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:**

1. Innovative Services: strengthen our culture of service.
2. Fiscal Sustainability: long-term sustainability
3. Vulnerable Populations: coordination between agencies & communication of programs.
4. Economic Impacts: support a thriving community.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On May 28, 2024, the Board of Commissioners directed a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada to support their mission to advocate for and with individuals with Down Syndrome and their families to break down any barriers to full, productive and satisfying lives; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Robert Unsworth

Foundation to support their mission to provide tennis equipment and instruction to public schools and youth groups.

On May 14, 2024, the Board of Commissioners directed a [\$3,000.00] grant to FIRST Nevada to support the Clawbotics robotic team.

On December 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$5,000.00] grant to The Healing Center and Spa Steamboat Hot Springs to support the efforts for roof repairs for the historical building; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program to support the future efforts of assisting working families through its food pantry and apprentice assistance programs.

On November 28, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$2,500.00] grant to Urban Roots to support the Gardening for All Initiative, which focuses on building gardens for specific areas and providing garden education.

### **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 16, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024:

- A [\$10,000.00] grant to the Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission of providing toys for children in need.
- A [\$10,000.00] grant to Senior ResQ -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to assist seniors with help when their rent has been raised.
- A [\$7,500.00] grant to the Sanford Center for Aging-- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - - to support their mission to enhance the quality of life and well-being among elders through education, translational research, and community outreach.

- A [\$5,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of ending hunger in Northern Nevada.
- A [\$5,000.00] grant to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Western Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the non-profits programs to educate citizens about mental illness.
- A [\$5,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Cares Campus project.
- A [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of building sustainable communities across Nevada to stabilize and improve the lives of individuals and families.
- A [\$5,000.00] grant to the Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the cleanup efforts of the Virginia Range.
- A [\$4,000.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - - for the purpose of supporting the foundations programs.
- A [\$4,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada HOPES (HOPES) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of providing affordable, high-quality medical, behavioral health and support services for all.
- A [\$3,000.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the future efforts of assisting working families through its food pantry and apprentice assistance programs.
- 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.
- A [\$2,500.00] grant to Jewish Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support their mission to engage the community to invest, enrich, and ensure the vibrancy and continuity of Jewish life in Nevada.
- A [\$2,500.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the We the People: Civil and Constitution program to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students.

- A [\$2,000.00] grant to Guitars for Vets, a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the music therapy program for veterans.
- A [\$2,000.00] grant to Veteran’s Guest House -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - - to support its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need.
- A [\$2,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Service Agency – a government entity -- to support the Sparks Senior Center water filling station.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY23-24 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 \$77,000.00] to The Reno Toy Run, Senior ResQ, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, NAMI Western Nevada, Northern Nevada Literacy Council, Opportunity Alliance Nevada, Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association, Lifestyle Homes Foundation, Northern Nevada Hopes, Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program, India Association of Northern Nevada, Jewish Nevada, Nevada Center for Civic Engagement, Sanford Center for Aging, Guitars for Vets, Veteran’s Guest House, Washoe County Human Service Agency.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Reno Toy Run: \$10,000.00
- Senior ResQ: \$10,000.00
- Sanford Center for Aging: \$7,500.00
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada: \$5,000.00
- NAMI Western Nevada \$5,000.00
- Northern Nevada Literacy Council: \$5,000.00
- Opportunity Alliance Nevada: \$5,000.00
- Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association: \$5,000.00
- Lifestyle Homes Foundation: \$4,000.00
- Northern Nevada Hopes: \$4,000.00
- Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program: \$3,000.00
- India Association of Northern Nevada: \$2,500.00
- Jewish Nevada: \$2,500.00
- Nevada Center for Civic Engagement: \$2,500.00
- Guitars for Vets: \$2,000.00
- Veteran’s Guest House: \$2,000.00

Cross-functional budget transfer is required as follows:

Description	Cost Object-G/L Account	Amount
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		<b>Increase/&lt;Decrease&gt;</b>
District 2 Special Funding-Payment to Other Agencies	100102 - 710400	<\$2,000.00>
District 2 Special Funding-Transfer to Senior Services	100102-812025	\$2,000.00
Human Services Agency Senior Services-Transfer from General	250210-621001	\$2,000.00
Human Services Agency Senior Services – Operating Supplies	250210-710300	\$2,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$77,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission of providing toys for children in need; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Senior ResQ -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes - - to support their mission to assist seniors with help when their rent has been raised; and a [\$7,500.00] grant to the Sanford Center for Aging-- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support their mission to enhance the quality of life and well-being among elders through education, translational research, and community outreach; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of ending hunger in Northern Nevada; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Western Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the non-profits programs to educate citizens about mental illness; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Cares Campus project; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of building sustainable communities across Nevada to stabilize and improve the lives of individuals and families; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the cleanup efforts of the Virginia Range; and a [\$4,000.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting the foundations programs; and a [\$4,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada HOPES (HOPES) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of providing affordable, high-quality medical, behavioral health and support services for all; and a [\$3,000.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the future efforts of assisting working families through its food pantry and apprentice assistance programs; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the India Association of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable,

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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 [\$77,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission of providing toys for children in need; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Senior ResQ -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to assist seniors with help when their rent has been raised; and a [\$7,500.00] grant to the Sanford Center for Aging -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support their mission to enhance the quality of life and well-being among elders through education, translational research, and community outreach; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of ending hunger in Northern Nevada; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Western Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the non-profits programs to educate citizens about mental illness; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Cares Campus project; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of building sustainable communities across Nevada to stabilize and improve the lives of individuals and families; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the cleanup efforts of the Virginia Range; and a [\$4,000.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting*

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