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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 14, 2021

DATE: November 5, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Alexandra Wilson, Office Assistant III, Office of the County Manager, (775) 386-7420, alwilson@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$10,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000] grant to the Tahoe Fund to support a billboard campaign centered around issues that advocate for the preservation of the Lake Tahoe Basin and a [\$5,000] grant to Tahoe Prosperity Center to support the Washoe Tahoe Housing Needs Assessment by which to identify strategies to add more local housing options for the areas of Incline Village and Crystal Bay; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 1.)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$10,000] for Commission District 1.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

1. Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.
2. Fiscal Sustainability: Long-term sustainability
3. Vulnerable Populations: Expand appropriate housing options across community

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 17th, 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 [\$1,000] to the 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 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 # _____

On October 26, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000] to the Washoe County Green Team to support green initiatives and [\$3,000] to Truckee Meadows Tomorrow to support the 2021 Truckee Meadows Community Progress Report.

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 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 2021-2022:

- [\$5,000] grant to the Tahoe Fund to support a billboard campaign centered around issues that advocate for the preservation of the Lake Tahoe Basin, including educating the general public on the environmental issues facing restoration efforts at Lake Tahoe and to raising funds to support Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) projects that restore and enhance the natural environment.
- [\$5,000] grant to the Tahoe Prosperity Center to support the Washoe Tahoe Housing Needs Assessment by which to identify strategies to add more local housing options for the areas of Incline Village and Crystal Bay. The Tahoe Prosperity Center works regionally with local businesses, jurisdictions, non-profits, and community members to advance identified, data-driven initiatives that better the environment, community, and economy for everyone living and working in Tahoe.

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 \$10,000] to the Tahoe Fund and Tahoe Prosperity Center.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Tahoe Fund to support a billboard campaign centered around issues that advocate for the preservation of the Lake Tahoe Basin: \$5,000
- Tahoe Prosperity Center to support the Washoe Tahoe Housing Needs Assessment by which to identify strategies to add more local housing options for the areas of Incline Village and Crystal Bay: \$5,000

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approving Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$10,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000] grant to the Tahoe Fund to support a billboard campaign centered around issues that advocate for the preservation of the Lake Tahoe Basin, including educating the general public on the environmental issues facing restoration efforts at Lake Tahoe and to raising funds to support Environmental Improvement Program (EIP), and a [\$5,000] grant to Tahoe Prosperity Center to support the Washoe Tahoe Housing Needs Assessment by which to identify strategies to add more local housing options for the areas of Incline Village and Crystal Bay.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve the recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$10,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000] grant to the Tahoe Fund to support a billboard campaign centered around issues that advocate for the preservation of the Lake Tahoe Basin, including educating the general public on the environmental issues facing restoration efforts at Lake Tahoe and raising funds to support Environmental Improvement Program (EIP), and a [\$5,000] grant to Tahoe Prosperity Center to support the Washoe Tahoe Housing Needs Assessment by which to identify strategies to add more local housing options for the areas of Incline Village and Crystal Bay; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds.”*