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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026

DATE: July 21, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Sally Johnston, Program Assistant, Office of the County Manager, (775) 328-2731, sjohnston@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Kate Thomas, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$29,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Services Agency -- a government entity -- to support the Men's CrossRoads program; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension - a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Washoe County 4-H Large Livestock Horse Program; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Vya Conservation District -- a government entity -- to support its weed abatement program; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District -- a government entity -- to support its weed abatement program; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to the Adopt-A-Vet Dental Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to provide free critical and life-saving dental care to impoverished veterans in Nevada; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support meeting the needs of Washoe County residents struggling with food and housing insecurity and those impacted by the traumas of human trafficking; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary disbursements of funds and/or cross-fund and function budget transfer. Manager's Office. (Commission District 5.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$29,000.00] for Commission District 5.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

1. Economic Impacts: Meet the Needs of Our Growing Community, Support a Thriving Community

AGENDA ITEM # _____

2. Vulnerable Populations: Coordination Between Agencies & Communication of Programs
3. Innovative Services: Strengthen Our Culture of Service

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2026-2027 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 Herman has elected to support the following organizations in fiscal year 2026-2027:

- A [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Services Agency -- a government entity -- to support the Men's CrossRoads program.
- A [\$5,000.00] grant to the Vya Conservation District -- a government entity -- to support its weed abatement program.
- A [\$5,000.00] grant to 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Washoe County 4-H Large Livestock Horse Program.
- A [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District -- a government entity -- to support its weed abatement program.
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- A [\$2,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support meeting the needs of Washoe County residents struggling with food and housing insecurity and those impacted by the traumas of human trafficking.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY27 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 5 Constituents (C100105) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a total of [\$29,000.00] to the following organization.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension: \$5,000.00
- Vya Conservation District: \$5,000.00
- Washoe Storey Conservation District: \$5,000.00
- Adopt-A-Vet Dental Program: \$2,000.00
- Salvation Army: \$2,000.00

Cross-fund and function budget transfer is required as follows

Description	Cost Object- G/L Account	Amount Increase/<Decrease>
District 5 Special Funding - Payments to Other Agencies	100105 - 710400	<\$10,000.00>
District 5 Special Funding - Transfer to Homelessness	100105 - 812023	\$10,000.00
Human Services Agency Crossroads – Transfer from General	223220 - 621001	\$10,000.00
Human Services Agency Crossroads – Equipment Non-Capital	223220 - 711504	\$10,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

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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 [\$29,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Services Agency -- a government entity -- to support the Men's CrossRoads program; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Nevada Extension -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Washoe County 4-H Large Livestock Horse Program; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Vya Conservation District -- a government entity -- to support its weed abatement program; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District -- a government entity -- to support its weed abatement program; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to the Adopt-A-Vet Dental Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to provide free critical and life-saving dental care to impoverished veterans in Nevada; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to The Salvation Army -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support meeting the needs of Washoe County residents struggling with food and housing insecurity and those impacted by the traumas of human trafficking; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary disbursements of funds and/or cross-fund and function budget transfer."*