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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 [\$50,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 2 Commissioner Michael Clark recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- 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 Nevada Youth Empowerment Project -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to give homeless young women (18-24) in the Reno area a chance to reroute their lives through a structured program that provides housing and basic needs, life skills training, opportunities to practice new life skills, and the support and love of a family; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their 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 Robert Unsworth Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide tennis equipment and instruction to public schools and youth groups; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Truckee Meadows Housing Solutions -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to further the public good, namely by adding more low income units (60% AMI or less) to the housing inventory; and a [\$3,750.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable 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 [\$3,750.00] grant to the Sanford Center for Aging -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to enhance the quality of life and well-being among elders through education, translational

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research, and community outreach; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to Forever 14 -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their teen connection events including the Great Race to End Teen Suicide being held on September 16th; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to strive to make the world better every single day and explore their strengths, take on new challenges, and be themselves, regardless of background or ability; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide counsel, education, advocacy, life improvement skills, and recovery training, providing a bridge between the secular and spiritual environments of community life throughout the Great Basin; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the India Association of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal to bring the citizens of the Indian subcontinent together to promote and celebrate rich Indian heritage; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to connect Northern Nevadans for inclusive, community-based services, volunteer opportunities, and affordable transportation; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Sikh Society -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal to spread the Sikh religious teachings of love, brotherhood, peace and unity as established by the ten Sikh gurus; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to find pets good homes through rescuing from overcrowded shelters and educating the public and provide services that will reduce the numbers of unwanted cats and dogs; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 2.)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$50,000.00] for Commission District 2.

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 December 20, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed in total [\$10,000.00] to the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA), of which [\$6,000.00] was distributed from Commission District 2 Funds.

On December 13, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$10,000.00] to the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee meadows – Neil Road Youth Facility; and [\$5,000.00] to the Washoe County Human Services Agency; and [\$4,000.00] to the Damonte Ranch Mustang Wrestling Club; and [\$4,000.00] to Doral Academy of Northern Nevada; and [\$2,000.00] to Brown Elementary School; and [\$2,000.00] to Double Diamond Elementary School; and [\$2,000.00] to Huffaker Elementary School; and [\$2,000.00] to Hunsberger Elementary School; and [\$2,000.00] to Elizabeth Lenz Elementary School; and [\$2,000.00] to Nick Poulakidas Elementary School; and [\$2,000.00] to Pleasant Valley Elementary School; and [\$2,000.00] to Smithridge Elementary School.

On October 18, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to the South Valleys Library.

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 Clark has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2022-2023:

- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- 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. The Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada seeks to create a positive understanding of Down syndrome and envisions a community wherein all members are valued for their uniqueness, respected for their contributions, and assured the opportunity and choice to create their own path to fulfillment and success.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Nevada Youth Empowerment Project -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support

their mission to give homeless young women (18-24) in the Reno area a chance to reroute their lives through a structured program that provides housing and basic needs, life skills training, opportunities to practice new life skills, and the support and love of a family. The NYEP has created an independent living curriculum that is grounded in standards, routine, consistency and accountability.

- [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission of building sustainable communities across Nevada to stabilize and improve the lives of individuals and families. Opportunity Alliance Nevada is a 501(c) (3) charitable nonprofit incorporated in Nevada and the statewide community champion of Prosperity Now.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Robert Unsworth Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide tennis equipment and instruction to public schools and youth groups. The Robert Unsworth Foundation was created following the sudden passing of 22-year-old Reno tennis player and instructor of the same name, in order to give everyone an opportunity to experience the joys of tennis.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to Truckee Meadows Housing Solutions -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to further the public good, namely by adding more low-income units (60% AMI or less) to the housing inventory. Truckee Meadows Housing Solutions (TMHS) is a 501©3 non-profit housing organization intended to further the public good through ongoing activities within its properties that give a sense of ownership and community, resulting in healthier homes, neighborhoods, and communities.
- [\$3,750.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable 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. The We the People curriculum is an innovative course of instruction on the history and principles of the United States constitutional democratic republic.
- [\$3,750.00] grant to the Sanford Center for Aging -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable 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. The Sanford Center for Aging is able to provide services to their clients such as transportation, companionship, wellness programs, and more.
- [\$2,500.00] grant to Forever 14 -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their teen connection events including the Great Race to End Teen Suicide being held on September 16th. Forever 14 was founded in memory of Caleb Stenvold who passed in 2019, and now works to raise awareness and reduce teen suicide by developing and implementing peer to peer programs at the middle and high school level.
- [\$2,500.00] grant to the Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission

to strive to make the world better every single day and explore their strengths, take on new challenges, and be themselves, regardless of background or ability. Participating in the Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character and allows them a safe place to develop leadership skills, explore our magnificent outdoor opportunities, examine STEM programs and careers, and experiment and enjoy an array of activities and interests.

- [\$2,500.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide counsel, education, advocacy, life improvement skills, and recovery training, providing a bridge between the secular and spiritual environments of community life throughout the Great Basin. The Great Basin Chaplain Corps operate and are developing specialty teams ranging from but are not limited to, law enforcement, fire, displaced populations, EMS, hospice, hospital, peer support, financial, training, community outreach/public information, human trafficking, and more.
- [\$2,500.00] grant to the India Association of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal to bring the citizens of the Indian subcontinent together to promote and celebrate rich Indian heritage. The India Association of Northern Nevada was founded in 1980's to create a positive and enjoyable environment to nurture friendships and celebrate festivals.
- [\$2,500.00] grant to the Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to connect Northern Nevadans for inclusive, community-based services, volunteer opportunities, and affordable transportation. The Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4) supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, dementia, and related conditions, as well as their family care partners through their Community Care Program.
- [\$2,500.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Sikh Society -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal to spread the Sikh religious teachings of love, brotherhood, peace and unity as established by the ten Sikh gurus.
- [\$2,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to find pets good homes through rescuing from overcrowded shelters and educating the public and provide services that will reduce the numbers of unwanted cats and dogs. Founded in 2006, Palomino Valley Pet Rescue has placed hundreds of dogs in cats into loving homes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY23 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 \$50,000.00] to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada; the Nevada Youth Empowerment Project; Opportunity Alliance Nevada; the Robert Unsworth Foundation; Truckee Meadows Housing Solutions; Nevada

Center for Civic Engagement; Sanford Center for Aging; Forever 14: Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada; Great Basin Chaplain Corps; India Association of Northern Nevada; Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada; Northern Nevada Sikh Society; and Palomino Valley Pet Rescue.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada: \$5,000.00
- Nevada Youth Empowerment Project: \$5,000.00
- Opportunity Alliance Nevada: \$5,000.00
- Robert Unsworth Foundation: \$5,000.00
- Truckee Meadows Housing Solutions: \$5,000.00
- Nevada Center for Civic Engagement: \$3,750.00
- Sanford Center for Aging: \$3,750.00
- Forever 14: \$2,500.00
- Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada: \$2,500.00
- Great Basin Chaplain Corps: \$2,500.00
- India Association of Northern Nevada: \$2,500.00
- Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada: \$2,500.00
- Northern Nevada Sikh Society: \$2,500.00
- Palomino Valley Pet Rescue: \$2,500.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$50,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 2 Commissioner Michael Clark recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- 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 Nevada Youth Empowerment Project - - a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to give homeless young women (18-24) in the Reno area a chance to reroute their lives through a structured program that provides housing and basic needs, life skills training, opportunities to practice new life skills, and the support and love of a family; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their 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 Robert Unsworth Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide tennis equipment and instruction to public schools and youth groups; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Truckee Meadows Housing Solutions -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to further the public good, namely by adding more low income units (60% AMI or less) to the housing inventory; and a [\$3,750.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable 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 [\$3,750.00] grant to the Sanford Center for Aging -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable 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 [\$2,500.00] grant to Forever 14 -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their teen connection events including the Great Race to End Teen Suicide being held on September 16th; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to strive to make the world better every single day and explore their strengths, take on new challenges, and be themselves, regardless of background or ability; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to provide counsel, education, advocacy, life improvement skills, and recovery training, providing a bridge between the secular and spiritual environments of community life throughout the Great Basin; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the India Association of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal to bring the citizens of the Indian subcontinent together to promote and celebrate rich Indian heritage; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to connect Northern Nevadans for inclusive, community-based services, volunteer opportunities, and affordable transportation; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Sikh Society -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their goal to spread the Sikh religious teachings of love, brotherhood, peace and unity as established by the ten Sikh gurus; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to find pets good homes through rescuing from overcrowded shelters and educating the public and provide services that will reduce the numbers of unwanted cats and dogs; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 2.)

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 [\$50,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 2 Commissioner Michael Clark recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- 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 Nevada Youth Empowerment Project -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to give homeless young women (18-24) in the Reno area a chance to reroute their lives through a structured program that provides housing and basic needs, life skills training, opportunities to practice new life skills, and the support and love of a family; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission of building sustainable communities*

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