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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025

DATE: December 20, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$65,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada - a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region, specifically through the organization's Mobile Harvest program; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Service Agency -- a government entity -- to support the Men's CrossRoads program; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Safe Embrace -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support stabilization and relocation services for victims of domestic violence; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Nevada Veterans Coalition -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the mission of honoring all veterans' past, present and future; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support; and a [\$5,000.00] 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; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Washoe County 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 and Horse Programs; approve Resolutions necessary for

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same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 5).

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$65,000.00] 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
2. Vulnerable Populations: Coordination Between Agencies & Communication of Programs
3. Innovative Services: Strengthen Our Culture of Service

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 20, 2024 the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$10,000.00] grant to Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support its mission to provide toys for children in need; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Senior ResQ -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support its mission to assist seniors when their rent has been raised.

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 21, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2024-2025 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 organization in fiscal year 2024-2025:

- [\$10,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region, specifically through the organization's Mobile Harvest program.
- [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Service Agency -- a government entity -- to support the Men's CrossRoads program.
- [\$10,000.00] grant to Safe Embrace -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support stabilization and relocation services for victims of domestic violence.
- [\$10,000.00] grant to Nevada Veterans Coalition -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the mission of honoring all veterans' past, present and future.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support.
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- [\$5,000.00] 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.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans.
- [\$5,000.00] grant to Washoe County 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 and Horse Programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY25 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 [\$65,000.00] to the following organizations.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Food Bank of Northern Nevada: \$10,000.00
- Safe Embrace: \$10,000.00
- Nevada Veterans Coalition: \$10,000.00
- Great Basin Chaplain Corps: \$5,000.00
- Circle of Life Hospice: \$5,000.00
- Salvation Army: \$5,000.00
- Veterans Upward Bound Program: \$5,000.00
- Washoe County 4-H program: \$5,000.00

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

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$65,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support the program’s efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region, specifically through the organization’s Mobile Harvest program; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Service Agency – a government entity - - to support the Men’s CrossRoads program; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Safe Embrace -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support stabilization and relocation services for victims of domestic violence; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Nevada Veterans Coalition -- a nonprofit organization created for

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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 [\$65,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region, specifically through the organization's Mobile Harvest program; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Service Agency -- a government entity -- to support the Men's CrossRoads program; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Safe Embrace -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support stabilization and relocation services for victims of domestic violence; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Nevada Veterans Coalition -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the mission of honoring all veterans' past, present and future; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support; and a [\$5,000.00] 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; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Washoe County 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 and Horse Programs;

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