



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 8, 2022

**DATE:** February 15, 2022

**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 [\$5,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Our Story, Inc. --a non-profit organization-- to support organizational capacity, advance on-going preservation, increase leadership personnel/activity, docent training (programming and interpretation), and marketing surrounding the creation of Northern Nevada African American Firefighter Museum; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 1.)

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### SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$5,000] for Commission District 1.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item(s):**

1. Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.
2. Innovative Services: Strengthen our culture of service.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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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.

On December 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000] to the Tahoe Fund to support a billboard campaign centered around issues that advocate for the preservation of the Lake Tahoe Basin, [\$5,000] 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, and [\$1,000] to Incline Village Crystal Bay Community & Business Association (IVCBA) to install lighting along the trees of Tahoe Boulevard for the holiday season in support of North Lake Tahoe's "main street" area.

On January 18, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$1,000] to the Office of the Washoe County Recorder -- a government entity -- to offset recording fees for a Declaration of Removal of Discriminatory Restriction for 23 homeowners with the purpose of disavowing racist language contained in property records.

On February 15, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$3,900] to the Washoe County Homelessness Services Continuum of Care administration --a government entity-- to support providing each unsheltered individual, who participates in the Point in Time (PIT) count, with a \$5 McDonalds gift card at the time of the count, as incentive to participate.

## **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 Our Story, Inc. --a non-profit organization-- to support organizational capacity, advance on-going preservation, increase leadership personnel/activity, docent training (programming and interpretation), and marketing surrounding the creation of Northern Nevada African American Firefighter Museum. Our Story, Inc (OSI) is dedicated to sharing, seeking out, collecting, preserving and exhibiting the contributions, heritage, culture, and accomplishments of people who have not been well represented in Northern Nevada's public image or published history.

**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 [\$5,000] to Our Story, Inc. --a non-profit organization-- to support organizational capacity, advance on-going preservation, increase leadership personnel/activity, docent training (programming and interpretation), and marketing surrounding the creation of Northern Nevada African American Firefighter Museum.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Our Story, Inc.: \$5,000

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approving, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$5,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000] grant to Our Story, Inc. --a non-profit organization-- to support organizational capacity, advance on-going preservation, increase leadership personnel/activity, docent training (programming and interpretation), and marketing surrounding the creation of Northern Nevada African American Firefighter Museum.; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 1.)

**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 [\$5,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$5,000] grant to Our Story, Inc. --a non-profit organization-- to support organizational capacity, advance on-going preservation, increase leadership personnel/activity, docent training (programming and interpretation), and marketing surrounding the creation of Northern Nevada African American Firefighter Museum.; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds."*