



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *March 22, 2022*

**DATE:** Thursday, March 17, 2022

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, a Community Support grant award to Artown, a nonprofit corporation organized for charitable, religious, or educational purposes, in the amount of \$25,000 to support the month-long summer arts festival, approve the resolution necessary for same; and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate disbursement. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

Recommendation to approve a Community Support grant award to Artown in the amount of \$25,000 to support the month-long summer arts festival. All grant awards to other entities must be approved through a resolution approved by the Board of County Commissioners per NRS 244.1505.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Regional and Community Leadership

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On June 19, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved a grant award for FY 2018-19 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; and grant awards from FY2017-2018 funds for Artown in the amount of \$25,000; and Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation in the amount of \$10,000; and approved resolutions necessary for same.

June 13, 2017, the Board of County Commissions approved grant award for FY 2017-2018 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; and grant awards from FY2016-2017 funds for Artown in the amount of \$25,000; Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation in the amount of \$10,000; and Education Alliance of Washoe County in the amount of \$9,213.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

## **BACKGROUND**

Historically, Washoe County has made Community Support funds available to local community-based providers to support services that address diverse health and human service needs in the community or contribute to economic development and quality of life issues.

### **Artown:**

Artown is a nonprofit that works to encourage local artist and creative participation to highlight the best performers in northern Nevada. Additionally, they exist to market and promote these arts events locally, regionally, and nationally as a premier arts festival. Artown, a month-long summer arts festival, features nearly 500 events produced by more than 100 organizations and businesses at over 130 locations countywide. The anchor events continue to be expressions of regional, national, and international artistic excellence. Most events are free or low costs.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the Artown grant award have been included in the Community Support Program within the Office of the County Manager's FY21-22 approved budget under cost center 183110. Should the Board approve these grant awards, distribution of funds is needed as follows:

<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
183110- 60849 - Artown	710400 - Payment to Other Agencies	25,000

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, a Community Support grant award to Artown, a nonprofit corporation, in the amount of \$25,000 to support the month-long summer arts festival, approve the resolution necessary for same in; and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget appropriation disbursement.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board accept staff's recommendation a possible motion would be:

*"Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, a Community Support grant award to Artown, a nonprofit corporation, in the amount of \$25,000 to support the month-long summer arts festival, approve the resolution necessary for same in; and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget appropriation disbursement."*