



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 28, 2023

**DATE:** March 14, 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 [\$2,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$2,000.00] grant to The Sons and Daughters of Erin -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to promote Irish heritage and culture; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 5) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$2,000.00] for Commission District 5.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:**

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On December 20, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$1,000.00] to the Commissioner Support Team to support the Washoe County Academy Leadership Academy class project.

On January 17, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$20,000.00] to Safe Embrace to support the organization's efforts to provide compassionate and trauma-informed services to individuals suffering from domestic abuse, sexual violence or human trafficking; [\$10,000.00] to the Vya Conservation District for the purpose of supporting natural resource conservation and ensuring sustainable use of northwestern Nevada's natural resources; [\$10,000.00] to the Washoe-Storey Conservation District -- a government entity -- for the purpose of fostering environmental stewardship and management of natural resources; [\$10,000.00] to the Reno Air Racing Association to support the Reno Air Races event and for its Pilot Training Scholarships and STEM

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initiatives; [\$5,000.00] to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to support the organization's efforts to provide food for families in need throughout the region; [\$2,500.00] to Our Story, Inc. for the purpose of benefiting the Northern Nevada African American Firefighter Museum; [\$2,500.00] to the Adopt A Vet Dental Program to provide free critical and life-saving dental care to impoverished veterans in Nevada; [\$2,500.00] to the Washoe County Human Services Agency for the purpose of supporting the Men's CrossRoads program, a supportive living community providing drug- and alcohol-free housing and programming for men transitioning out of homelessness; [\$2,500.00] to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Truckee Meadows Community College for the purpose of supporting educational and career success for U.S. military veterans; [\$2,500.00] to The Salvation Army to support its human trafficking survivor program; [\$2,500.00] to the Veterans Guest House to support its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need; and [\$2,000.00] to the Center for Healthy Aging for the purpose of supporting its intergenerational community garden site and indigenous food program, Teach Me To Grow Healthy.

### **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, 2021, 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 Herman has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2022-2023:

- [\$2,000.00] grant to The Sons and Daughters of Erin to support the program's efforts to promote Irish heritage and culture. The Sons and Daughters of Erin fosters and promotes Irish cultural events, interests, and sentiments, and encourages the study of the Irish language, history, literature, and music.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY23 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 5 Constituents (C100105) and account Payments to other Agencies (710500). This action requests approval and distribution of a total of [\$2,000.00] to The Sons and Daughters of Erin.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- The Sons and Daughters of Erin: \$2,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$2,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$2,000.00] grant to The Sons and Daughters of Erin -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to promote Irish heritage and culture; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 5)  
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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 [\$2,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$2,000.00] grant to The Sons and Daughters of Erin -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to promote Irish heritage and culture; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds."*