



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *October 11, 2022*

**DATE:** Thursday, October 06, 2022

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Eric Brown, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, in the amount of [\$26,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$25,000.00] grant to the Downtown Reno Partnership through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the funding of a T3 Patroller T3 Patroller, a micro-mobility vehicle that will enable the Ambassador team to respond faster to hotline calls and emergency situations – similar to a Segway, for the Downtown Reno Partnership Ambassadors; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to the Truckee Meadows Bike Alliance -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Dutch Cycling Embassy ThinkBike Workshop; approve Resolutions 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 [\$26,500.00] for Commission District 1.

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

1. Economic Impacts: Meet the needs of our growing community & support a thriving community.
2. Innovative Services: Strengthen Our Culture of Service.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On August 16, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$1,000.00] grant to the Tahoe Fund to support the 2022 Lake Tahoe Summit.

On July 12, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed a [\$30,000.00] grant to the Incline Village/Crystal Bay Visitors Bureau to support the Spring 2022 Tahoe-Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART) - Connect Zone 3 Project; and a [\$5,000.00]

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grant to the Tahoe Fund to support the ongoing sustainable tourism initiative, Take Care Tahoe; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Incline Village Crystal Bay Community & Business Association to utilize for event expenses associated with the Local Heroes Celebration and IVCB Sky Show; and a [\$1,000.00] grant to the Reno Bike to help recover costs to facilitate the 4th annual Tri-Lab event held on June 9, 2022.

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

- [\$25,000.00] to the Downtown Reno Partnership through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes --, to support the funding of a T3 Patroller, a micro-mobility vehicle that will enable the Ambassador team to respond faster to hotline calls and emergency situations – similar to a Segway, for the Downtown Reno Partnership Ambassadors. The Downtown Reno Partnership is a nonprofit business improvement district whose core purpose is to make downtown Reno a safer, cleaner, friendlier district for residents and visitors.
- [\$1,500.00] to the Truckee Meadows Bike Alliance -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Dutch Cycling Embassy ThinkBike Workshop. This event will feature free instructional and fun workshops for anyone interested in learning about urban mobility, road safety, emission reductions, the economics of cycling, social inclusion, and health.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY23 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 [\$26,500.00] to the Downtown Reno Partnership through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada; and the Truckee Meadows Bike Alliance.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- [\$25,000.00] Downtown Reno Partnership through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, as a restricted grant designated to support the funding of a T3 Patroller, a micro-mobility vehicle that will enable the Ambassador team to respond faster to hotline calls and emergency situations – similar to a Segway, for the Downtown Reno Partnership Ambassadors.
- [\$1,500.00] Truckee Meadows Bike Alliance to support the Dutch Cycling Embassy ThinkBike Workshop.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$26,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$25,000.00] grant to the Downtown Reno Partnership through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the funding of a T3 Patroller, a micro-mobility vehicle that will enable the Ambassador team to respond faster to hotline calls and emergency situations – similar to a Segway, for the Downtown Reno Partnership Ambassadors; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to the Truckee Meadows Bike Alliance -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Dutch Cycling Embassy ThinkBike Workshop; approve Resolutions 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 [\$26,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$25,000.00] grant to the Downtown Reno Partnership through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the funding of a T3 Patroller, a micro-mobility vehicle that will enable the Ambassador team to respond faster to hotline calls and emergency situations – similar to a Segway, for the Downtown Reno Partnership Ambassadors; and a [\$1,500.00] grant to the Truckee Meadows Bike Alliance -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Dutch Cycling Embassy ThinkBike Workshop; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds.”*