



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 18, 2023

**DATE:** April 5, 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 [\$2,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Sierra Arts Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to purchase supplies for the creation of "art care packages" for students exiting the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center as part of the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA) class project; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 3.)

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### SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$2,500.00] for Commission District 3.

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

1. Economic Impacts: Support a Thriving Community
2. Innovative Services: Strengthen Our Culture of Service.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 28, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$2,900.00] to the Washoe County Green Team to support costs associated with the 2023 Earth Day tree planting at the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.

On December 20, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed in total [\$10,000.00] to the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA), of which [\$1,000.00] was distributed from Commission District 3 Funds.

On December 13, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$15,000.00] to Urban Roots; and [\$10,000.00] to Glenn Duncan STEM Academy; and [\$10,000.00] to the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID); and [\$8,000.00] to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitors Center; and [\$6,000.00] to Channel 5 Public Broadcasting Inc. (PBS Reno).

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

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

- [\$2,500.00] grant to the Sierra Arts Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to purchase supplies for the creation of “art care packages” for students exiting the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center as part of the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA) class project.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY23 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 3 Constituents (C100103) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Sierra Arts Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to purchase supplies for the creation of “art care packages” for students exiting the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center as part of the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA) class project.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Sierra Arts Foundation: \$2,500.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$2,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Sierra Arts Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to purchase supplies for the creation of “art care packages” for students exiting the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center as part of the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA) class project; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 3.)

**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 [\$2,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Sierra Arts Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes -- to purchase supplies for the creation of “art care packages” for students exiting the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center as part of the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA) class project; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds.”*