



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 16, 2023

DATE: April 25, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Candee Ramos, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Manager, 775-276-3846, cramos@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$10,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to Sierra Nevada Journeys -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support outdoor educational experiences for elementary school students in grades third through fifth attending Sun Valley Elementary School, Lois Allen Elementary School, Virginia Palmer Elementary School or Esther Bennett Elementary School; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 3.)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve resolutions and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$10,000.00] for Commission District 3.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

1. Economic Impacts: Meet the Needs of Our Growing Community, Support a Thriving Community
2. Vulnerable Populations: Coordination Between Agencies & Communication of Programs
3. Innovative Services: Strengthen Our Culture of Service

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 9, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$5,000.00] to Soulful Seeds to support costs associated with the construction of a community garden at Our Place; [\$5,000.00] to Shades of Queening to support their upcoming community workshops that will promote mental health awareness and inter-generational dialogue; and [\$5,000.00] to Upstate Nevada to support the adaptive fitness program designed for adults and children with physical or cognitive disabilities and their family members.

On April 18, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$2,500.00] to the Sierra Arts Foundation 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.

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).

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:

- [\$10,000.00] grant to Sierra Nevada Journeys -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support outdoor educational experiences for elementary school students in grades third through fifth attending Sun Valley Elementary School, Lois Allen Elementary School, Virginia Palmer Elementary School or Esther Bennett Elementary School. Students participating

in these activities will experience innovative outdoor, science-based education programs for youth to develop critical thinking skills, and may be inspired to become stewards of natural resources.

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 [total of \$10,000.00] to Sierra Nevada Journeys.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Sierra Nevada Journeys: \$10,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

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 [\$10,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to Sierra Nevada Journeys -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support outdoor educational experiences for elementary school students in grades third through fifth attending Sun Valley Elementary School, Lois Allen Elementary School, Virginia Palmer Elementary School or Esther Bennett Elementary School; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds."*

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 [\$15,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Soulful Seeds -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support costs associated with the construction of a community garden at Our Place; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Shades of Queening -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their upcoming community workshops that will promote mental health awareness and inter-generational dialogue; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Upstate Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the adaptive fitness program designed for adults and children with physical or cognitive disabilities and their family members; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds."*