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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: July 11, 2017

DATE: June 12, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dana Searcy, Management Analyst
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THROUGH: Al Rogers, Management Services Director

SUBJECT: Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$12,500] for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends [\$9,000] grant to The Generator to light up The Space Whale in downtown Reno for one year and [\$3,500] grant to support participation of Washoe County employees in Truckee Meadows Parks Challenge, approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 3)

SUMMARY

This item requests the Board to approve a resolution and transfer/disburse allocating district funds in the [total amount of \$12,500] for Commission District 3 to support the safe, secure, and healthy communities' initiative.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action taken during the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

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 23, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 17-18 Fiscal year budget with special district funds allocated per Commission District in the amount of \$20,000. 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

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not provide any personal or private benefit for the Commissioners, direction or indirectly benefit any campaign efforts by a commission, violate Ethics in Government law, or be used to purchase tickets to special events.

Commissioner Jung has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2017-18:

District 3:

The Generator [\$9,000] to provide support for The Generator to light up the Space Whale in downtown Reno for one year. The Generator’s mission is to help engage everyone in the process of creativity through education, inspiration and access to the tools and resources to build with. The art project The Space Whale was originally installed at Burning man 2016 as a centerpiece at the festival and has been featured in media from around the world; downtown Reno will be the first stop in a global tour. The Space Whale will act as both a brilliant beacon attracting tourist from around the world and as a focal point in encouraging our community to dream and build bigger.

Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation [\$3,500] to support participation of Washoe County employees in Truckee Meadows Parks Challenge. Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation strives to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of the Truckee Meadows by ensuring the long-term sustainability and improvement of our parks and, in partnership with our park department partners, offers recreational and educational programs designed to increase awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of local parks and trails such as the Truckee Meadows Trails Challenge. The Trails Challenge fosters park stewardship and better appreciation of life outdoors as well as addresses the issue of obesity in Washoe County and the diseases associated with a sedentary lifestyle

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds have been included in the FY 2017-2018 approved budget under Commission District Constituent cost centers: District 3 – 100103/710400. This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$12,500] as outlined.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

The Generator		\$9,000
Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation		\$3,500

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$12,500] for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends [\$9,000] grant to The Generator to light up The Space Whale in downtown Reno for one year and [\$3,500] grant to support participation of Washoe County employees in Truckee Meadows Parks Challenge, approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: " Move to approve the Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$12,500] for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends [\$9,000] grant to The Generator to light up The Space Whale in downtown Reno for one year and [\$3,500] grant to support participation of Washoe County employees in Truckee Meadows Parks Challenge, approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. "