

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** October 11, 2017

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Sabra Newby, City Manager

**Subject:** H.2. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution donating Reno Access Advisory Committee Funds to the Sierra Challenge Athletic Association for the Silver State Highrollers Wheelchair Basketball team to defray expenses associated with the yearly tournament and provide limited scholarships in the amount of \$4,300. (General Fund)

**From:** April Wolfe, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist

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**Summary:** The Sierra Challenge Athletic Association (SCAA) requested funding from the City of Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 26, 2017 for the Silver State Highrollers Wheelchair Basketball team to defray expenses associated with the yearly tournament, and provide limited scholarships. Staff recommends Council adoption of the attached resolution donating \$4,300 to the Sierra Challenge Athletic Association.

**Previous Council Action:**

September 24, 2014 - Council adopted Resolution donating \$5,000 to the SCAA to defray expenses associated with its wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball programs.

October 24, 2012 – Council adopted Resolution donating \$5,000 to the SCAA to defray expenses associated with its wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball programs.

October 27, 2010 – Council adopted Resolution donating \$3,360 to the SCAA to defray expenses associated with its wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball programs.

**Background:** The SCAA is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation. The SCAA has had a collaborative working relationship with the City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department for 20 years. The PRCS Department has provided resources for various events and activities organized by the SCAA to include, but not limited to: complementary gym time for team practice, retainer for referees, and equipment storage at PRCS Department facilities. SCAA tournaments bring players and their families from outside of the area to compete in local tournaments. SCAA members have assisted the PRCS Department with

the youth wheelchair basketball and rugby program. This leveraging of City of Reno resources has provided adaptive sports and recreational opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities with Reno while minimizing the City's financial responsibilities.

**Discussion:** The RAAC unanimously agreed to support the funding request and recommends City Council's approval, as submitted, by the SCAA. The RAAC considered the long-term working relationship between the SCAA and the City of Reno PRCS Department in its discussion. This relationship has resulted in increased adaptive sports and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. In its discussion, the members considered the economic constraints facing the City; it also recognized the value of the collaborative relationship between the SCAA and the PRCS Department. The SCAA's coordination of the wheelchair basketball program provides expanded opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in these sports when they would otherwise not be able to in the City of Reno. The City's continued financial support will help to underwrite the wheelchair basketball program.

The SCAA has also supported the following activities, events and programs to enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities: Silver State High Rollers Wheelchair Basketball Team and has sponsored athletes to attend Sports Camps. These efforts demonstrate that SCAA is a sustainable and viable community partner working with the City of Reno.

**Financial Implications:** The RAAC has sufficient funds to donate \$4,300 to Sierra Challenge Athletic Association for Fiscal Year 17/18. (General Fund)

**Legal Implications:** NRS 268.028(1) and (3) state the governing body or its authorized representative may make donations by resolution to nonprofit organizations created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, to be used for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the city. The statute also permits the imposition of conditions on the donation.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ donating Reno Access Advisory Committee funds to the Sierra Challenge Athletic Association for the Silver State Highrollers Wheelchair Basketball team to defray expenses associated with the yearly tournament, and provide limited scholarships in the amount of \$4,300 (General Fund).

**Proposed Motion:** I move to approve the staff recommendation.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION DONATING RENO ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUNDS TO THE SIERRA CHALLENGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE SILVER STATE HIGHROLLERS WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAM TO DEFRAY EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE YEARLY TOURNAMENT AND PROVIDE LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,300 (GENERAL FUND).**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NRS 268.028, the City of Reno may donate funds to a charitable or educational entity to be expended for a selected purpose that substantially benefits inhabitants of the City of Reno; and

**WHEREAS**, Sierra Challenge Athletic Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for individuals with physical disabilities by boosting self-confidence through adaptive sports and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, Sierra Challenge Athletic Association has had a long-term collaborative relationship with the City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. This relationship has resulted in expanded adaptive sports and recreational opportunities for youth and adults with physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2017, the City of Reno Access Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support the budget proposal, as submitted by the Sierra Challenge Athletic Association to support its adaptive sports and recreational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Reno desires to donate the sum of Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$4,300) to the Sierra Challenge Athletic Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, for the Silver State Highrollers Wheelchair Basketball team to defray expenses associated with the yearly tournament, and provide limited scholarships.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Reno approves the donation of the sum of \$4,300 to the Sierra Challenge Athletic Association for programs and services provided to the citizens of the City of Reno;

Upon motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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HILLARY SCHIEVE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK