

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** September 11, 2019

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Sabra Newby, City Manager

**Subject:** **B.18. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Reno Access Advisory Committee funds to Canine Companions for Independence to support DogFest Reno to be held September 21, 2019 at Dick Taylor Park in the amount of \$910. (General Fund)**

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

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**Summary:** This is a Resolution donating Reno Access Advisory Committee funds to Canine Companions for Independence to support DogFest Reno to be held September 21, 2019 at Dick Taylor Park in the amount of \$910. (General Fund)

**Background:** Canine Companions for Independence, a qualified nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support at no cost to the recipient presented a funding request in the amount of \$910 to the City of Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) on August 27, 2019, and RAAC approved the funding request. The purpose of this funding request is to provide support to DogFest Reno to be held September 21, 2019 at Dick Taylor Park.

**Discussion:** The RAAC is comprised of a diverse membership representing various interests of individuals with disabilities and their advocates from throughout the community. It strives to balance the various funding requests between those activities, events and programs that improve the quality of life for residents with disabilities. DogFest Reno is an annual event in which Canine Companions for Independence partners with University of Nevada Reno and the City of Reno to help organize a family-friendly, dog-friendly event full of games, activities, music and much more.

**Financial Implications:** The RAAC has sufficient funds to donate \$910 to Canine Companions for Independence for DogFest Reno.

**Legal Implications:** NRS 268.028(1) states the governing body or its authorized representative may make grants 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 grant.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Council adopt the Resolution.

**Proposed Motion:** I move to adopt the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION DONATING RENO ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUNDS TO CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE TO SUPPORT DOGFEST RENO TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 AT DICK TAYLOR PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$910. (GENERAL FUND)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Reno may donate funds in accordance with NRS 268.028, entitled “Expenditure of public money; grant of public money and donation of certain property to certain nonprofit organizations or governmental entities” when such expenditure provides a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, Canine Companions for Independence is a qualified nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support at no cost to the recipient; and,

**WHEREAS**, DogFest Reno will substantially benefit the inhabitants of the City of Reno by providing a family-friendly, dog-friendly event full of games, activities, music and much more; and,

**WHEREAS**, on August 27, 2019, the Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) approved a funding request in the amount of \$910 to support DogFest Reno to be held on September 21, 2019; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Reno approves the donation of the sum of Nine Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$910) to Canine Companions for Independence; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should the above donation or any portion thereof not be used for the purpose as set forth in this Resolution, any unused funds shall be returned to the City of Reno.

Upon motion by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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HILLARY SCHIEVE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ASHLEY TURNEY  
CITY CLERK