

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 28, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: **B.15. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Donation funds to Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) for their advocacy and resources to support the unsheltered population in the amount of \$1,000. (General Fund)**

From: Barbara DiCianno, Assistant to the City Manager

Summary: Councilmember Devon Reese would like to allocate Council Donation Funds assigned for Fiscal Year (FY) 20/21 to RISE, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, for advocacy and resources to support our unsheltered population in the amount of \$1,000. Discretionary funds are allocated to each Council member each fiscal year to be used to help support the initiatives of local 501(c)(3) organizations. Staff recommends approval of the resolution to donate these funds.

Previous Council Action: There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background: RISE works to cultivate a greater sense of dignity and humility by providing equal access to shelter, knowledge and opportunity; and building relationships by listening and advocating for all people.

Financial Implications: NRS 268.028(1) states that the governing body of the City may make donations to nonprofit organizations created for religious, charitable or educational purposes to be used for a selected purpose. The donated funds must be used to provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the city. Council approval is required before the recommended funds transfer can take place.

Legal Implications: Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law.

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt the Resolution.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION DONATING COUNCIL DONATION FUNDS TO RENO INITIATIVE FOR SHELTER AND EQUALITY (RISE) FOR THEIR ADVOCACY AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR UNSHELTERED POPULATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 (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, RISE, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; is requesting funds to offset costs associated with resources they provide to the unsheltered population; and,

WHEREAS, RISE works to cultivate a greater sense of dignity and humility by providing equal access to shelter, knowledge and opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, RISE is a grass-roots organization that builds relationships by listening and advocating for people; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Reno approves the donation of the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to RISE to provide resources to our unsheltered population; 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 Councilmember _____, and seconded by Councilmember _____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

HILLARY SCHIEVE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASHLEY D. TURNEY
CITY CLERK