

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 28, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: **B.18. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Donation funds to Black Wall Street for their resource center and community outreach efforts from Councilmember Devon Reese (\$1,000) and Councilmember Naomi Duerr (\$1,000) in the total amount of \$2,000. (General Fund)**

From: Patricia Guerrero, Community Liaison

Summary: Councilmember Devon Reese (\$1,000) and Councilmember Naomi Duerr (\$1,000) would like to allocate a total of \$2,000 from Council Donation Funds assigned for Fiscal Year (FY) 20/21 to Black Wall Street, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, for resource center and community outreach efforts. 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: Black Wall Street provides a resource center, back pack drives and other positive community outreach efforts to foster learning and literacy and inspire Reno students to read and value the importance of education.

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 BLACK WALL STREET FOR THEIR RESOURCE CENTER AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS FROM COUNCILMEMBER DEVON REESE (\$1,000) AND COUNCILMEMBER NAOMI DUERR (\$1,000) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,000. (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, Black Wall Street, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; is requesting funds to offset costs associated with their resource center, back pack drives and other positive community outreach efforts; and,

WHEREAS, Black Wall Street’s mission is to foster learning and literacy and inspire Reno to read; and,

WHEREAS, Black Wall Street conducts community outreach efforts like back pack and book drives that provide supplies and reading materials to support the importance of education; and,

WHEREAS, Black Wall Street provides individual mentoring for children in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Reno approves the donation of the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) (\$1,000 – Councilmember Reese and \$1,000 – Councilmember Duerr) to Black Wall Street to provide community outreach efforts for both students and the community; 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