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STAFF REPORT  
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2015

**DATE:** August 5, 2015  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Gabrielle Enfield, County Grants Administrator  
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**THROUGH:** Al Rogers, Management Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve (retroactive to July 1, 2015) Grant Program Contract FY 2015-2016 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; approve Resolution necessary for same, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)

## SUMMARY

Washoe County provides grants to address special community needs. As with all grants provided by Washoe County these funds can only be provided to a private organization, not for profit, or to a governmental entity, for charitable or educational purposes, and must provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County.

Washoe County Special Purpose grant to the Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000.

Board of County Commission Strategic Objectives and Outcomes supported by this item:

- Safe, Secure and Health Communities

## PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 9, 2014 the Board of County Commissioners approved a Grant Program Contract FY 2014-2015 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000.

## BACKGROUND

Historically, Washoe County has made Community Support funds available to local community based providers to support services that address diverse health and human service needs in the community. Grants funded by Washoe County through the Special Purpose grant program are evaluated in the budget process based on requests from Commissioners, agencies, or County staff to perform functions or services that promote the general welfare of Washoe County residents and can be implemented more cost effectively by the agencies being funded, than by Washoe County providing the service.

AGENDA ITEM # 5.4.7.

**Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC)**

SSFHC is a non-profit that works to ensure equal housing opportunity for all residents of northern Nevada. Washoe County has provided funding to SSFHC, since 1998 to support a variety of services including development and dissemination of informational materials and education to increase community awareness of housing discrimination, Fair Housing Act protections, and fair housing rights and responsibilities.

As a recipient of federal grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washoe County is required to demonstrate efforts to further fair housing standards in our community. SSFHC seeks to increase community awareness of housing discrimination by providing community members with information to detect and report housing discrimination, and by educating housing providers about fair housing rights and responsibilities. Successful fair housing advocacy through community awareness provides a substantial benefit to residents of Washoe County by ensuring that equal housing opportunity is available to all residents.

**Washoe County Community Support Policy: Special Purpose Awards**

- Special Purpose awards must meet the public benefit criteria as follows:
  - a. Provide substantial benefit to inhabitants of the County;
  - b. Addresses a documented unmet community need that is an appropriate responsibility of the County;
  - c. Results in a cost savings or avoids future costs to the County;
  - d. The Grantee must have demonstrated capacity to carryout a performance-based agreement and maintain appropriate financial management practices.
  
- All special purpose awards shall be re-evaluated annually, during the budget process, using the public benefit criteria to determine if continued funding is appropriate.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

These funds have been included in the Community Support Program within the Management Services Division’s FY2015-2016 approved budget under cost center 181100. This action requests approval and movement of funds from cost center 181100 into internal order 60044 (Silver State Fair Housing) as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
181100 – 710400	Pymts to Other Agencies	(10,000)
60044 – 710400	Pymts to Other Agencies	10,000

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve (retroactive to July 1, 2015) Grant Program Contract FY 2015-2016 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; approve Resolution necessary for same, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board accept staff's recommendation a possible motion would be: move to *"approve (retroactive to July 1, 2015) Grant Program Contract FY 2015-2016 for Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) in the amount of \$10,000; approve Resolution necessary for same, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. "*

**RESOLUTION** – Authorizing the Grant of Public Money to a Nonprofit  
Organization Created for Religious, Charitable or Educational  
Purposes

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a Board of County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and that a board may make a grant of money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County has determined that \$10,000 in funding is needed to assist in providing services to encourage fair housing standards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that:

1. The Board hereby grants to Silver State Fair Housing Council, a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, a grant for fiscal year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$10,000 (Community Support).
2. The Board finds that in making this grant a substantial benefit will be provided to the inhabitants of the County by providing informational materials and education to increase community awareness of housing discrimination, Fair Housing Act protections, and fair housing rights and responsibilities.
3. The maximum amount to be expended from the grant and the conditions and limitations upon the grant are as set forth in the Grant Program Contract, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Adopted this 25th Day of August 2015

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Marsha Berkbigler, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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County Clerk