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## STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2017

**DATE:** Friday, January 06, 2017

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Al Rogers, Management Services Director  
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**THROUGH:** John Slaughter, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Approve recommendation for Commission District Special Fund grants for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for Commission District 3 in the [total amount of \$16,000]; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a [\$16,000] grant to Awaken to support efforts addressing sex trafficking, prostitution and commercial sexual exploitation through the Awaken Drop-in Center and approve the resolution necessary for the same. (Commission District 3.)

### SUMMARY

This item requests that the Board approves a resolution allocating district funds in the amount of [\$16,000] for Commission District 3 to support safe, secure and healthy communities' initiative.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

May 17, 2016 – Board of County Commissioners approved the 2016-17 Fiscal Year budget with Special District Funds allocated per Commission District in the amount of \$20,000.

February 10, 2015 – Board of County Commissioners approved modification of guidelines and adoption of Resolution for County Commission District Special Funding creating Commission District Special Funds for each Commission District.

### BACKGROUND

All funds appropriated through the Commission District Special Funds must provide substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and are to support needs for all Washoe County residents that are not previously budgeted. The recipient must be a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, or a governmental entity. Funds shall not provide any personal or private benefit for the

Commissioners, direction or indirectly benefit any campaign efforts by a commission, violate Ethics in Government law, or be used to purchase tickets to special events.

District 3 Commissioner Jung has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2016-17:

Awaken (\$16,000) – The mission of the Awaken is to increase awareness and education surrounding the issue of commercial sexual exploitation and to provide housing and restoration for its victims. Awaken believes that with the right opportunities and support, locally trafficked women and girls can overcome circumstances, such as poverty, racism and gender-based violence that perpetuate commercial sexual exploitation. Awaken’s strategies are built on the pillars of Prevention, Restoration and City Transformation. These funds will assist with operating the Drop-in Center for a significant portion of the year.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds have been included in the FY 2016-2017 approved budget under Commission District Constituent cost centers: District 3 – 100103/710400. This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$16,000] as outlined above.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund grants for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for Commission District 3 in the [total amount of \$16,000]; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a [\$16,000] grant to Awaken to support efforts addressing sex trafficking, prostitution and commercial sexual exploitation through the Awaken Drop-in Center and approve the resolution necessary for the same.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be to “move to approve recommendation Commission District Special Fund grants for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for Commission District 3 in the [total amount of \$16,000]; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a [\$16,000] grant to Awaken to support efforts addressing sex trafficking, prostitution and commercial sexual exploitation through the Awaken Drop-in Center and approve the resolution necessary for the same.