

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 24, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) funds to Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation (TMPF) to defray expenses associated with the purchase of a Track Chair through the David's Chair Foundation to use at the Rosewood Nature Study Area in Reno, Nevada, in the amount of \$5,000. (General Fund)

From: April Wolfe, Therapeutic Rec Specialist

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

The Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation (TMPF) submitted a funding request to the Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 26, 2024, to purchase a Track Chair for visitors with disabilities of the Rosewood Nature Study Area. At this meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approve a \$5,000 donation to TMPF to defray expenses associated with purchasing this adaptive off-road chair. Staff recommends Council approve a donation of \$5,000 of RAAC funds to TMPF.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	X	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Fiscal Sustainability

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Previous Council Action:

January 11, 2023 - Council approved a donation of \$2,094 to support the purchase of a Grit Freedom Chair at Rosewood Nature Study Area.

Background:

The RAAC is a City of Reno-appointed board of citizens and is committed to making the City of Reno a regional leader in promoting the full participation of individuals with disabilities in all facets of life in Reno; thereby, promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the community. Each budget cycle, Council allocates \$20,000 from the General Fund to this committee to put toward improving Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access in Reno.

Discussion:

TMPF is a private nonprofit that was incorporated in 2012 and received its 501(c)(3) determination in 2013. TMPF protects and enhances our communities' livability through public engagement, education, and the sustainability of our parks, open spaces, and trails.

The electric all-terrain track chair provides a new freedom for persons with disabilities to get off the pavement and out into nature. From bird watching and fishing, to riding along the beach, to simply enjoying the fresh air and solitude of nature, these all-terrain chairs will invite many new people to share the wonders of the great outdoors in our parks.



TMPF was approached by David's Chair Foundation which wanted to place one of these track chairs in our community. David's Chair is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in White City, Oregon, with a mission to provide people with disabilities the free use of electric all-terrain track chairs offering freedom and independence to get outdoors and experience terrain and conditions that would otherwise be unavailable to them. The organization currently has 20 electric all-terrain track chairs and 7 trailers, available in many areas of Oregon, Washington, California, and Texas for use for free by people with disabilities who reserve them at www.davidschair.org.

At the March 26, 2024, meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approve a \$5,000 donation to TMPF to defray overall expenses associated with purchasing this all-terrain track chair. The requested donation to purchase a Track Chair will substantially benefit the residents of the City of Reno by providing a publicly accessible Great Basin wetland habitat where the community can learn about and appreciate the importance of our natural open spaces and local parks.

Financial Implications:

The RAAC has sufficient funds to donate \$5,000 to TMPF for fiscal year (FY) 23/24.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law. Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 268.028(1) states the governing body of a city or its authorized representative may make grants by resolution to non-profit 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.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council adopt the Resolution.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

RAAC Donation Resolution for TMPF