

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 the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) to go toward I Can Bike Camp to be held June 17-21, 2024, in the amount of \$4,800. (General Fund)

From: April Wolfe, Therapeutic Rec Specialist

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

The Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) submitted a funding request to the Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 26, 2024, to defray expenses associated with I Can Bike Camp to be held June 17-21, 2024, for persons with disabilities. At this meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approve a \$4,800 donation to the NCED to defray expenses associated with the camp. Staff recommends Council approve the donation of \$4,800 of RAAC funds to the NCED.

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?	< 1%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Fiscal Sustainability
Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Previous Council Action:

On February 26, 2020, Council approved a donation of \$5,000 to support I Can Bike Camp.

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. In 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:

The NCED's mission is to develop and provide exemplary services, programs, education, and research in order to promote a high quality of life for Nevadans with disabilities and their families.

I Can Bike Camp teaches kids and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities how to ride a two-wheeled bike in five days. The Camp has an 80% success rate. Kids and adults living in Reno who have developmental disabilities will learn to ride a two-wheeled bicycle. Bike riding has many benefits including:

- Developing strength, balance, and overall fitness.
- Burning up calories.
- Strengthening the heart, lungs, and lower-body muscles and bones.
- Developing and strengthening the muscles surrounding the knees without impact.
- Benefits mental health and learning.
- It is something the whole family can enjoy together.
- It is good for the environment.
- It is a great way to get around and use for transportation to work, school, etc.
- It keeps kids and adults physically active.

At the March 26, 2024, meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approve a \$4,800 donation to the NCED to defray expenses associated with I Can Bike Camp to be held June 17-21, 2024, for persons with disabilities.

Financial Implications:

The RAAC has sufficient funds to donate \$4,800 to the NCED 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 the staff recommendation.

Attachments:

RAAC Donation Resolution to NCED