

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** February 14, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) funds to Arts for All Nevada to support Weekly Wonders, a visual art workshop for adults with disabilities in the amount of \$2,000. (General Fund)

**From:** April Wolfe, Therapeutic Rec Specialist

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

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**Summary:**

Arts for All Nevada submitted a funding request to the Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 23, 2024, to defray expenses associated with Weekly Wonders, a visual art workshop for adults with disabilities. At this meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approval of a \$2,000 donation to Arts for All Nevada to defray expenses associated with these workshops. Staff recommends Council approve the donation of \$2,000 of RAAC Funds to Arts for All Nevada.

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:**

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

**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:**

The Arts for All Nevada Non-Profit Foundation provides quality arts opportunities for all by facilitating access to the arts at the community level, with special emphasis on those who have a disability, are disadvantaged, at-risk, or underserved by the arts. Arts for All Nevada provides responsible stewardship for the preservation and interpretation of the historic Lake Mansion while expanding its role in the community to serve as a center for the exploration of arts and culture.

Weekly Wonders is a free, interactive, 90-minute visual art workshop for adults (age 15+) with disabilities. The art workshops are led by talented, experienced teaching artists. Currently, the Weekly Wonders program offers four workshops a week at four locations: two in Reno; one in Sparks, in partnership with the City of Sparks; and one in Gardnerville, in partnership with Douglas County. In the past, Arts for All Nevada partnered with the RAAC to fund the Monday program at the Lake Mansion, but that connection was lost during the pandemic. Since Arts for All Nevada has added a second Weekly Wonders workshop day in Reno they are seeking funding to aid in supporting the two Weekly Wonders programs offered within the City of Reno. Projects include drawing, painting, collage, oil pastel, art/nature, clay, and mixed media. At the January 23, 2024, meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approval of a \$2,000 donation to Arts for All Nevada to defray expenses associated with Weekly Wonders.

**Financial Implications:**

The RAAC has sufficient funds to donate \$2,000 to Arts for All Nevada 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:**

Resolution RAAC Donation