

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** April 10, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a donation from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) to support the historic marker program at the City of Reno in the amount of \$500.

**From:** Megan Berner, Arts and Culture Manager

**Department:** City Manager's Office – Arts and Culture

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### Summary:

The University of Nevada, Reno's (UNR) Department of Gender, Race, and Identity, with support from the American Council of Learned Societies and the Mellon Foundation, is donating \$500 to support the historic marker program at the City of Reno.

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:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

### Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

### Background:

Through "The Bridges Not Walls" 2023-2024 series, UNR's Department of Gender, Race, and Identity connected campus and community by partnering local organizations with graduate students from the Activist Scholarship class. As a way to recognize and support partnerships between campus and community, each organization that the graduate students worked with is

receiving \$500 to go toward their collaborative work.

Graduate student Audrey Andrews interned in the City of Reno's Arts & Culture Department in the summer of 2023 and focused her work on cataloging existing historic markers within the City of Reno. Through this work, Andrews identified that many groups were underrepresented in the histories presented in the existing markers. In collaboration with staff, Andrews made recommendations for a historic marker policy and identified opportunities for new markers.

**Discussion:**

**Financial Implications:**

None.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council accept the donation from the University of Nevada, Reno to support the historic marker program.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**