

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 23, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a Renown Health Better Together Community Benefit Grant to support the annual Renown Alumni Recreation Therapy Program in the amount of \$8,500.

From: April Wolfe, Therapeutic Rec Specialist

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

The Therapeutic Recreation Program at City of Reno and Renown Rehabilitation are devoted to person-centered care that promotes confidence, independence, and overall well-being. Goals are created to improve, maintain, or restore physical strength, cognition, and quality of life for individuals who have sustained a neurological injury through recreational activity. The City was approved for a grant in the amount of \$8,500 from Renown Health to continue the Renown Alumni Recreation Therapy Program. Staff recommends Council approve the Community Benefit Grant from Renown.

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?	0.00%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Fiscal Sustainability

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Previous Council Action:

May 24, 2023 - Council accepted a two year grant from Renown totaling \$20,000 July 28, 2021 - Council accepted a grant from Renown for \$10,000 January 13, 2021 – Council accepted a grant from Renown for \$4,500 August 12, 2020 – Council accepted a grant from Renown for \$2,500

Background:

Renown is currently participating in a Community Health Implementation Strategy & Plan for Washoe County, NV (CHISP). CHISP is a long-term, systematic effort addressing public health problems based on the results of a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This plan is then used by health and other governmental education and human service agencies, in collaboration with community partners, to set priorities and coordinate and target resources. A CHISP is critical for developing policies and defining actions to target efforts that promote health. It defines the vision for the health of the community through a collaborative process and addresses the strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and opportunities that exist in the community to improve the health status of our community.

Renown is pleased to partner with City of Reno to address priority health needs in Washoe County. The investment from Renown allows City of Reno to implement a variety of strategic initiatives in Washoe County, as more specifically defined in the partnership application.

Discussion:

The proposed continuation of the Renown Alumni Recreation Therapy program provides an amazing opportunity for alumni to try activities that might be a challenge to do without the expertise and equipment provided by City of Reno and Renown. The powerful impact of this program brings together alumni to create lasting friendships and peer relationships outside the hospital.

The proposed plan is to host our flagship “Renown Adaptive Sports Extravaganza” annually. Following the overnight multi-sport camp, we would like to provide program scholarships to Renown Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) alumni throughout the year in order to access the many adaptive sports opportunities offered by the City of Reno. Renown will target market to eligible rehab alumni and registration will go through their Recreation Therapy Department. City of Reno, Renown, and adaptive sports partners will work together by providing skills training, adaptive equipment, and a supportive environment for alumni to return to recreation. Alumni family members will be encouraged to attend to support their loved ones and assist in a lifelong return to recreation and leisure activities.

Financial Implications:

None to the General Fund. There are matching requirements which will be met through the in-

kind value of staff time for project planning and administration.

Legal Implications:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve the FY25 Renown Health Better Together Community Benefit Grant.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.