

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** September 19, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of donations from the Nevada Military Support Alliance, Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area Paralyzed Veterans of America, and AARP Nevada to support the City of Reno's Annual Military Sports Camp held on September 9-13, 2024 in the total amount of \$7,000.

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

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

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### Summary:

The VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System (VASNHCS) provides primary and secondary care to a large geographical area that includes 20 counties in Northern Nevada and Northeastern California. Approximately 120,000 Veterans reside in this region, with Reno representing the largest urban area. For that reason, the Parks and Recreation Department sought donations to support its annual Military Sports Camp. The Nevada Military Support Alliance, Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area Paralyzed Veterans of America and AARP Nevada has donated \$7,000. Staff recommends Council accept the donation of \$7,000.

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:**

September 13, 2023 - Council approved donations for Military Sports Camp in the amount of \$7,000  
September 30, 2020 - Council approved donations for Military Sports Camp in an amount of \$3,350.

**Discussion:**

Each year the City of Reno seeks donations, grants, and support from local adaptive sports programs to host 15 Disabled Veterans and Injured Service Members and their spouse/guest for a multi-day Military Sports Camp. Events such as this take place at sites throughout the United States offering Disabled Veterans and Injured Service Members the opportunity to integrate as participants and mentors in their home communities. September 9 – 13, 2024, this will be the fourteenth year this event is offered in the Truckee Meadows and we are once again excited to serve the men and women who have given so much for our country. The City of Reno provides this opportunity including transportation, lodging, adaptive equipment, meals, and individualized instruction in Adaptive/Paralympic sports at no cost to the participants.

The Nevada Military Support Alliance donated \$3,000, Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America donated \$2,000, Bay Area Paralyzed Veterans of America donated \$2,000, and AARP Nevada donated a pallet of water for a total of \$7,000. Donation funds will be used to cover expenses associated with the free, all-inclusive camp including but not limited to the cost of certified coaches, adaptive recreation equipment, and program supplies.

**Financial Implications:**

The funds will be restricted for the purpose in which they were donated.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law. NRS 268.008(6) provides that the city may "Receive bequests, devises, gifts and donations of all kinds of property wherever situated in fee simple, in trust or otherwise, for charitable or other purposes and do anything necessary to carry out the purposes of such bequests, devises, gifts and donations with full power to manage, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of such property in accordance with the terms of such bequest, devise, gift or donation."

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council accept the donation of \$7,000.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.