

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 12, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Discretionary funds to the Northern Nevada chapter of the American Red Cross to be used for short term lodging accommodations for Reno residents displaced by household fires in the amount of \$10,000. (General Fund) [Brekhus]

From: Tyler Shaw, Community Liaison

Department: City Manager's Office

Summary:

Councilmember Jenny Brekhus would like to allocate \$10,000 from Council Discretionary Funds assigned for FY 22/23 to the Northern Nevada Chapter of the American Red Cross, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization to be used for short term lodging accommodations for Reno residents displaced by household fires. Discretionary funds are allocated to each Council member each fiscal year to be used to help support the initiatives of local 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations.

Previous Council Action: There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Financial Implications: Funds are budgeted for Council Discretionary in the General Fund.

Legal Implications: Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law. NRS 268.028(1) states that the governing body of a city may make donations to nonprofit organizations created for religious, charitable or educational purposes to be used for a selected purpose. The donated funds must be used to provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the city. Council approval is required before the recommended funds transfer can take place.

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approve the Resolution.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments: Northern Nevada Chapter of the American Red Cross Donation Resolution