

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** April 26, 2023

**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 National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Northern Nevada Chapter to defray expenses associated with purchasing new equipment for outreach and fundraising efforts in the amount of \$1,000. (General Fund)

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

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

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### **Summary:**

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Northern Nevada Chapter submitted a funding request to the Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 28, 2023 to purchase equipment for outreach and fundraising efforts. At this meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approval of a \$1,000 donation to the NFB Northern Nevada Chapter to defray expenses associated with purchasing this equipment. Staff recommends Council approval to donate \$1,000 of Reno Access Advisory Committee Funds to the NFB Northern Nevada Chapter.

### **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 Reno Access Advisory Committee (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 ADA access in Reno.

**Discussion:**

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Northern Nevada Chapter is a civil rights organization, dedicated to the equity, inclusivity, and success of all blind people. They are an organization run for the blind by the blind to encourage independence and productivity in the blind community.

At the March 28, 2023 meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approval of a \$1,000 donation to NFB to defray overall expenses associated with purchasing new equipment for outreach and fundraising efforts. This equipment will help to educate the public about the blind and to meet the blind, it will also help the organization reach out to the 185,000 visually impaired individuals in the state of Nevada. It will increase the visibility of the organization in their advocacy efforts, and bring more blind people to the organization, so that they can be advocated for more effectively.

**Financial Implications:**

The RAAC has sufficient funds to donate \$1,000 to the NFB Northern Nevada Chapter for Fiscal Year (FY)22/23.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review complete for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law. 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.