

STAFF REPORT

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 Sierra Junior Tennis Association to expand their Tennis Buddies tennis program to include a Tennis Buddies Fun Tennis Camp in the amount of \$4,100. (General Fund)

From: April Wolfe, Therapeutic Rec Specialist

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

The Sierra Junior Tennis Association submitted a funding request to the Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 28, 2023 to expand their Tennis Buddies tennis program to include a Tennis Buddies Fun Tennis Camp. At this meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approval of a \$4,100 donation to the Sierra Junior Tennis Association to defray expenses associated with this camp. Staff recommends Council approval to donate \$4,100 of Reno Access Advisory Committee Funds to Sierra Junior Tennis Association.

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 Sierra Junior Tennis Association is a qualified 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide charitable and educational programs to promote the development of junior tennis as a means of healthful recreation and physical fitness in the Northern Nevada/Lake Tahoe region.

The requested donation is to expand their Tennis Buddies tennis programs to include a Tennis Buddies Summer Fun Tennis Camp. This program provides individuals with Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities with a fun and supportive environment where they can improve their fitness levels and learn to play tennis. Tennis Buddies participants are given the opportunity to learn to play tennis in a fun, interactive, and supportive environment. Playing tennis improves cardiovascular health, muscle strength, and overall fitness as well as improving hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills. Furthermore, tennis is a social sport. Interacting with peers, socializing and making friends boosts self-esteem, confidence as well as reducing stress and anxiety.

At the March 28, 2023 meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approval of a \$4,100 donation to Sierra Junior Tennis Association to defray overall expenses associated with a Tennis Buddies Summer Fun Tennis Camp as these programs promote inclusion and integration of athletes with Down Syndrome and other disabilities in our community.

Financial Implications:

The RAAC has sufficient funds to donate \$4,100 to the Sierra Junior Tennis Association 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.