

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 11, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Subgrant Award from Move United to support the National Trails Assessment project to benefit and improve local trails in the amount of \$10,000.

From: April Wolfe, Therapeutic Rec Specialist

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

The City of Reno provides year-round accessible recreation activities and is a Chapter member of Move United. For that reason, Move United applied for and received a Department of Veterans Affairs Training Grant to support the National Trails Assessment project. City of Reno will be granted use of 1 HETAP device (High Efficiency Trail Assessment Process - an automated trail data collection system) for local trail assessment and a grant award in the amount of \$10,000 to support adaptive recreation opportunities to trails.

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:

Since 1956, Move United has focused on one goal: To improve the lives of wounded warriors, youth and adults with disabilities by providing sports and recreation opportunities. Move United's mission is to provide national leadership and opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop independence, confidence, and fitness through participation in community sports, competition, recreation, high performance sport and educational programs. Each year through their nationwide network, they serve over 70,000 youth, wounded warriors and adults through a nationwide network of over 150 community-based chapters in more than 40 states nationwide. In 2020, the City of Reno was certified as the first municipal Parks and Recreation

program chapter member of Move United.

Discussion:

Move United applied for and received a Department of Veterans Affairs Training Grant to support the National Trails Assessment project and increase trail access to persons with disabilities and disabled Veterans. The City of Reno is a MOVE United Chapter, and provides accessible trail recreation such as adaptive mountain biking, renting adaptive hiking equipment, and advocating to area trail organizations to ensure trails are accessible for all.

In April 2023, the City of Reno partnered with MOVE United to provide education and hands on training at the International Trails Symposium hosted in Reno, NV. The conference hosted 911 total attendees from over 20 Countries, and will be returning to the area in 2024. Under this sub-award, the City of Reno will be granted use of 1 HETAP device (High Efficiency Trail Assessment Process - an automated trail data collection system) provided by Beneficial Designs in Minden, NV and a grant award in the amount of \$10,000. Equipment, training, and funding will be used by City of Reno and its trail partners to ensure trails are available for all.

Financial Implications:

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 accept the Sub-grant award from Move United in the amount of \$10,000.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

VA Training Grant FY23 - City of Reno Trails Agreement.