

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 26, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Sub-grant Award from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) to support the City of Reno's Annual Military Sports Camp event in September 2023 in the amount of \$21,595.

From: April Wolfe, Therapeutic Rec Specialist

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

The VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System (VASNHCS), in Reno, Nevada, 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 Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) applied for and received a United States Department of Veterans Affairs Adaptive Sports Grant to support the City of Reno's Annual Military Sports Camp in the amount of \$21,595.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Fiscal Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

December 1, 2021 - Council approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$20,595 from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services. March 10, 2021 - Council approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$18,795 from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services.

Background:

The Veterans Affairs Sierra Nevada Health Care System (VASNHCS) in Reno provides primary and secondary care to 20 counties in northern Nevada and northeastern California. According to VASNHCS, approximately 120,000 veterans reside in this region, with Reno representing the largest urban area. The close proximity of the facility allows for community reintegration,

socialization, and a continuum of care for disabled veterans to continue to work on their home rehabilitation programs, and promote constructive lifestyle changes, including health and sport training.

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 multiday Military Sports Camp. These events are at sites throughout the country offering disabled veterans and injured service members the opportunity to integrate as participants and mentors in their home communities. Scheduled for September 2023, this will be the thirteenth year this event is offered in the Truckee Meadows to serve the men and women who served 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. Grant 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 of the grant funded program. There are no grant matching requirements.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council accept the Sub-grant award from NDVS in the amount of \$21,595.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

2022-23 Adaptive Sports Grant NDVS Pass Thru