

STAFF REPORT

Date: January 11, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a grant award from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) to support the City of Reno's Adaptive Cycling Center pilot program in the amount of \$10,000.

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) solicited the City of Reno Adaptive program for a grant to support the Adaptive Cycling Center pilot program in the amount of \$10,000.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources
Fiscal Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

April 13, 2022 - Council approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$10,000 from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services.

November 14, 2018 - Council approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$10,000 from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services.

August 23, 2017 - Council approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$15,000 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 twenty 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:

City of Reno Adaptive plans to pilot an Adaptive Cycling Center this Summer at the Rosewood Nature Study Area (formerly Rosewood Golf Course). Rosewood Nature Study Area is a great launching point to access the Southeast Connector trail as well as connecting to the Tahoe-Pyramid Bike trail. This membership based program will allow persons with disabilities to access our many adaptive bikes and jump directly on the trail, no bike transport needed!

Each year the City of Reno seeks donations, grants, and support from local adaptive sports programs. Under NRS.417-115 Gift Account for Veterans, grants can be awarded by NDVS for the support of outreach programs or services for veterans and their families, or both, as determined by the Director. Grant funds will be used to purchase adaptive equipment and to train a Veteran employee in bicycle maintenance for the City of Reno's Adaptive Cycling Center pilot program.

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. The grant conditions require that the grantee submit a written report within 90 days of the grant award. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the loss of grantee's eligibility for consideration for future funding opportunities.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council accept the grant award from the Nevada Department of Veteran Services.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Reno Adaptive Cycling Grant Agreement