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**RENO**  
Memorandum

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**DATE:** February 18, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**THROUGH:** Jackie Bryant, City Manager  
**FROM:** Landon Miller, Fund Development Manager  
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**DEPT:** Parks and Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Truckee River Fund Grant Application

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#### **Introduction**

This memorandum outlines the intent, budget allocation, and anticipated outcomes of the grant application submitted to the Truckee River Fund. The purpose of this grant is to enhance river safety, maintenance, efficient use of resources, and community engagement through the deployment of dedicated personnel and structured resource allocation.

#### **Grant Application Intent**

The grant hopes to fund key operational components essential to the success of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority's objectives. The initiative seeks to:

- Improve river maintenance and safety through the employment of specialized personnel.
- Enhance public engagement and conservation efforts along the river corridor.
- Optimize resource allocation for effective environmental stewardship.
- Ensure compliance with safety regulations and sustainability goals.

#### **Budget Overview**

The total grant request is \$311,212.49, which will be allocated to support personnel costs.

#### **Positions to be Funded**

If awarded, the grant will fund two critical full-time positions for one year:

- One (1) Full-time River Ranger: River Rangers are responsible for on-the-ground monitoring, responding to safety and environmental concerns, engaging with the public, and assisting with river clean-up and conservation efforts. This position will help ensure that the river remains safe, accessible, and properly maintained for both recreational and environmental purposes.

- One (1) Full-time River Coordinator: On behalf of the City of Reno, this position oversees program implementation, coordinates volunteer efforts, manages compliance with environmental and safety regulations, and ensures effective communication with stakeholders. The River Coordinator will also be responsible for collecting and analyzing data on river conditions and program effectiveness to support future funding efforts.

### **Expected Metrics and Outcomes**

The implementation of this grant will drive the following measurable outcomes:

1. Public Safety & Monitoring:
  - Increased patrol and response frequency from the River Ranger Program.
  - Reduction in safety incidents and response times through active monitoring.
2. Community Engagement & Stewardship:
  - Increase in volunteer participation through organized clean-up events.
  - Development of at least three new community education programs focused on conservation.
3. Environmental Sustainability:
  - Regular monitoring of water quality and reduction in pollution levels.
  - Implementation of targeted erosion control measures in high-risk areas.
4. Operational Efficiency & Resource Allocation:
  - Streamlined response to maintenance needs, reducing backlog by 30%.
  - Data-driven decision-making to optimize deployment of personnel and resources.

### **Grant Funding History:**

Since 2005, the largest project TRF has funded was a 2014 City of Reno project (Reducing Non-Point Source Pollution to TMWA's Highland Canal) at \$329,000. The second largest project was a Nevada Land Trust Project in 2017 at \$306,220. If this proposal is selected, it will be the second highest amount TRF has awarded in its history. TRF has awarded 24 City of Reno projects since 2005.

### **Timeline**

- Spring 2025 – Grant award notification and administrative preparations.
- May/June 2025 – Recruitment and hiring process begins.\*
- July 1, 2025 – Truckee River Coordinator and River Ranger positions officially start.\*
- Ongoing (FY 25/26) – Program implementation, data collection, and community engagement efforts begin.\*
- Annual Reporting (2026) – Year-end review to assess impacts and future funding sustainability.\*

\*If awarded