



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 21, 2022

**DATE:** May 17, 2022  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's Office, 325-6710 vjakubowski@da.washoecounty.gov  
**THROUGH:** Christopher J. Hicks, District Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept a \$220,000 donation from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center for the District Attorney's Office to benefit the operations of and programs in the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, and to authorize the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

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### **SUMMARY**

The Washoe County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) received funds from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center to support the ongoing needs of the CAC as determined by the District Attorney's Office (DA). Use of these funds are solely at the discretion of the DA. The Board of County Commissioners must accept the donations and grants, approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On June 8, 2021, the Board accepted \$44,362.75 in donations from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center for the District Attorney's Office Child Advocacy Center operational costs related to counseling and forensic interviewing.

On March 19, 2019, the Board accepted accept \$75.00 in donation for the District Attorney's Office Child Advocacy Center equipment, operational, and program needs from the Shuman Trust.

### **BACKGROUND**

The mission of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center will be to ensure the health and safety of the child through a neutral, child-centered environment designed to minimize trauma to the child, provide advocacy for the child and non-offending caregivers and support effective investigations. Local organizations continue to donate to the Child Advocacy Center to help with equipment, operational, and program needs.

The Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center was formed for the primary purpose of raising funds and making distributions to, or for the benefit, of the CAC in addition to outreach and awareness of the CAC and its programs. As they have recently adopted a plan of liquidation, the Friends must distribute all its remaining assets to Washoe County for the benefit of the CAC.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept the funding; a Fiscal Year 2022 budget amendment of \$220,000 in Internal Order 20510 is required to bring the adopted budget in alignment with the funding amount as follows:

Cost Object	G/L	Amount increase
IN – 20510 CAC Fund	484000 – Donations, Contributions	\$220,000
IN – 20510 CAC Fund	710100 – Professional Services	\$220,000

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board accept a \$220,000 donation from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center for the District Attorney's Office to benefit the operations of and programs in the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, and to authorize the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

If the Board agrees with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a \$220,000 donation from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center for the District Attorney's Office to benefit the operations of and programs in the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, and to authorize the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments."