



WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

www.washoecounty.gov

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *September 19, 2023*

DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ryan Gustafson, Interim Director, Human Services Agency
775-785-8600, rgustafson@washoecounty.gov

Pamela Mann, Division Director, Human Services Agency
(775) 785-8600, pmann@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to: (1) accept item donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$50.00]; and (2) accept donation from Grace Community Church, a non-profit religious organization, to Washoe County Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$20,000.00] retroactive for the period July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Recommendation to: (1) accept item donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$50.00]; and (2) accept donation from Grace Community Church, a non-profit religious organization, to Washoe County Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$20,000.00] retroactive for the period July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 15, 2023, the Board acknowledged various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$4,550.00] retroactive for the period April 15, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

On May 16, 2023, the Board acknowledged various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$4,325.00]; and accepted donations from various donors to Washoe County Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$39.00] retroactive for the period February 1, 2023 through April 15, 2023.

On February 21, 2023, the Board acknowledged various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$1,325.00]; and accepted donations from various donors to Washoe County

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$10.00] retroactive for the period October 27, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

BACKGROUND

Human Services regularly accepts donations from community members and business, which are for distribution to persons experiencing homelessness. As such, acceptance of donations requires Board approval.

Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(d) reads: 1. The Board of County Commissioners: (d) has sole authority to receive donations of personal property where the personal property has a value, singly or in the aggregate, of \$5,000.00 or greater from a contributor during a fiscal year.

Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(e) reads: 1. The Board of County Commissioners: (e) Must be notified when an officer or employee of a county department or agency accepts non-federal personal property for the use and benefit of the County where the personal property has a value, singly or in the aggregate, of less than \$5,000 from a contributor during a fiscal year. In such event, the officer or employee must notify the Board of County Commissioners in writing of the acceptance.

Washoe County Code 15.160(3) reads: An officer or employee of a county department or agency shall not accept, amend, or supplement a grant, and except as otherwise provided in section 15.140(1)(e), shall not accept, amend, or supplement a contribution of money or property without approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Grace Church continues to support women, families, and clients served by HSA. This \$20,000 donation is specific to Our Place and renews the funding initially received in December 2020 for the support of “welcome kits” that provide basic housing necessities, such as towels and bedding, to families in the Our Place family and maternity shelters.

The Agency is requesting retroactive approval of the following donation that has been received by Homelessness Services for the time period July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023.

Grace Community Church	\$20,000.00
------------------------	-------------

The following donated items have been received for the period of July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023, and will need to be retroactively accepted:

- (1) Pair of women’s athletic shoes received by Human Services Agency donated from Elizabeth T. - estimated market value of \$50.00

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept the donation, the Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund (223) FY24 adopted budget will need to be amended by \$20,000.00 in the following revenue and expenditure accounts.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO-20527 -484000	Revenue – Grace Church Donation	\$ 20,000.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 20,000.00
IO-20527 -710734	Residential Assistance	\$ 20,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 20,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to: (1) accept item donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$50.00]; and (2) accept donation from Grace Community Church, a non-profit religious organization, to Washoe County Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$20,000.00] retroactive for the period July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to: (1) accept item donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$50.00]; and (2) accept donation from Grace Community Church, a non-profit religious organization, to Washoe County Human Services Agency Homelessness Fund to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$20,000.00] retroactive for the period July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”*