



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 24,

2025

**DATE:** May 28, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Christopher Hicks, District Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept \$4,000.00 in donations from Russell Horning to the District Attorney's Office for the benefit of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada travel operational costs; and authorize Finance to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

The Board of County Commissioners must accept the donations, approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments per Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(d).

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada received a donation from Russel Horning for operations, in this case travel.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Vulnerable Populations

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On August 20, 2024, the Board accepted \$200,000.00 in donations from the Molina Foundation to the District Attorney's Office for the benefit of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada operational costs such as training, supplies, and travel;

### **BACKGROUND**

Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada are dedicated to the mission of aiding and healing children who have experienced sexual abuse and exploitation. This is achieved through community advocacy and by supporting the initiatives of various agencies that tackle this pressing issue within our community. Our overarching goal is to utilize community resources to lessen the impact of childhood traumas linked to sexual abuse and exploitation, ultimately fostering positive lifelong outcomes for the children we assist.

In 2017, Nevada established a state chapter to support CACs statewide. In doing so, Nevada joined a national movement to change the model of how child abuse cases are

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investigated and prosecuted. The four Children Advocacy Centers in Nevada are members of the National Children's Alliance and have attained or are in the process of obtaining full accreditation status. This success is in part due to the efforts of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada. Accreditation ensures a CA will employ the highest standards and best practices for children and their families.

This funding will be used primarily for the travel expenses to train staff members of the four CACs in Nevada, including those in Washoe County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept the funding; a Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendment of \$4,000 in the Internal Order 20539 is required to bring the adopted budget in alignment with the funding amount as follows:

<b>Internal Order</b>	<b>G/L</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
20539	484000	Donations, Contributions	\$4,000
20539	711210	Travel	\$4,000

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept \$4,000.00 in donations from Russell Horning to the District Attorney's Office for the benefit of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada travel operational costs; and authorize Finance to make necessary budget amendments.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept \$4,000.00 in donations from Russell Horning to the District Attorney's Office for the benefit of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada travel operational costs; and authorize Finance to make necessary budget amendments."