



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

DATE: February 11, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kelly Echeverria, Emergency Management Administrator
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a one-time cash donation of [\$185,000.00] from a private citizen to Washoe County Emergency Management. These funds will be used for the purpose of conducting an evacuation study for Washoe County. Emergency Management will bring the contract to conduct the evacuation study to the Board of County Commissioners at a future date. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Washoe County Emergency Management seeks approval for a one-time cash donation of [\$185,000.00] from a private citizen. These funds will be used to hire a vendor to conduct an evacuation study for Washoe County, assessing evacuation challenges and recommending mitigation strategies to improve the county's disaster preparedness.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts: Support a Thriving Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Over the years, the Board of County Commissioners has approved several cash donations from private citizens for various Washoe County departments. This is the first donation received by the Emergency Management Department.

BACKGROUND

On February 11, 2025, the Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator presented at a concurrent meeting regarding the department's efforts, partnerships, and regional concerns. It was emphasized to the Board and City Council members that, due to county growth, an evacuation study is essential to evaluate potential challenges during a disaster evacuation. This study will identify best practices to improve evacuation preparedness and response.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The \$185,000 donation will enable the Emergency Management department to secure a vendor for this important evacuation study.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the Board acknowledges the cash donations, the FY25 Washoe County Emergency Management adopted budget will be increased by [\$185,000.00] in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Description	Cost Obj/GL	Amount
Revenue:		
Washoe County Evacuation Study - Donations	IO 29069 - 484000	\$185,000.00
Expenditures:		
Washoe County Evacuation Study – Professional Services	IO 29069 - 710100	\$185,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners accept a one-time cash donation of [\$185,000.00] from a private citizen to Washoe County Emergency Management. These funds will be used to support an evacuation study for Washoe County.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendations, a possible motion would be: “Move to accept a one-time cash donation of [\$185,000.00] from a private citizen to Washoe County Emergency Management. These funds will be used for the purpose of conducting an evacuation study for Washoe County.”

