



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *May 17, 2022*

**DATE:** Thursday, May 12, 2022

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to (1) accept and acknowledge face shields donated to the Nevada Cares Campus from AmerisourceBergen in the estimated amount of [\$1,488.00]; (2) accept and acknowledge various hygiene items donated from the Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services Amazon Wishlist to the Nevada Cares Campus from various community members, in the estimated amount of [\$196.17]; (3) accept and acknowledge various winter clothing items donated to the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care from the non-profit, We Serve with Helping Hands, for the Point in Time Count totaling an estimated market value of [\$285.24]; (4) accept and acknowledge various miscellaneous items donated to the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care from the Reno Collective, for the Point in Time Count in the estimated amount of [\$50.00]; (All Commission Districts).

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### SUMMARY

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 \$3,000.00 or more during a fiscal year.*

Washoe County Code 15.160(4) requires: *An officer or employee of a department or agency of the county may accept personal property for the use and benefit of the county where the value singly or in the aggregate is less than \$3,000.00 from a contributor during a fiscal year. In such event, the officer or employee will notify the board in writing of the acceptance.*

The Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services team overseeing the Nevada Cares Campus and the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care has received donations from generous community members and partner organizations within the community.

AmerisourceBergen donated face shields to the Nevada Cares Campus for client and staff usage. Various community members, including the Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) High School leadership class, donated hygiene items such as men's underwear, razors, men's deodorant, women's deodorant, tampons, women's underwear, sweatshirts, sweatpants, slipper socks and crew socks to clients of the Nevada Cares Campus.

Continuum of Care's (CoCs) across the nation are responsible for planning and conducting a Point in Time Count (PIT) of people experiencing homelessness. The Northern Nevada

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Continuum of Care held its PIT February 24, 2022 and received various donations. The non-profit, We Serve with Helping Hands, donated winter clothing items such as socks, gloves, hats, scarves/ neck warmers, Kleenex packets and granola bars to be passed out during the PIT. The Reno Collective donated items such as paper coffee cups, lids, napkins, and sweeteners to be used for staff and volunteers.

These donations total an estimated amount of \$2,019.41 and have provided a substantial benefit to the clients at the Nevada Cares Campus and to the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care.

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

Vulnerable Populations: Address homelessness with a regional approach.

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

The Board accepted the first round of donations received from September 1-December 31 2021 for the Nevada Cares Campus under the Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services team on February 15, 2022. There has been no previous action taken for the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC).

**BACKGROUND**

On August 30, 2021, the three entities in our community, City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County agreed to transfer the operation of the Nevada Cares Campus shelter and the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) to Washoe County, effective September 1, 2021. The Housing and Homeless Services team will be reporting donations received for the Nevada Cares Campus and the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) on a quarterly basis. This staff report includes donations from January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no budget impact as these items are not cash donations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to (1) accept and acknowledge face shields donated to the Nevada Cares Campus from AmerisourceBergen in the estimated amount of [\$1,488.00]; (2) accept and acknowledge various hygiene items donated from the Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services Amazon Wishlist to the Nevada Cares Campus from various community members, in the estimated amount of [\$196.17]; (3) accept and acknowledge various winter clothing items donated to the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care from the non-profit, We Serve with Helping Hands, for the Point in Time Count totaling an estimated market value of [\$285.24]; (4) accept and acknowledge various miscellaneous items donated to the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care from the Reno Collective, for the Point in Time Count in the estimated amount of [\$50.00].

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

*“Move to (1) accept and acknowledge face shields donated to the Nevada Cares Campus from AmerisourceBergen in the estimated amount of [\$1,488.00]; (2) accept and acknowledge various hygiene items donated from the Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services Amazon Wishlist to the Nevada Cares Campus from various community members, in the estimated amount of [\$196.17]; (3) accept and acknowledge various winter clothing items*

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