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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 19, 2019

DATE: October 21, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a Gift Deed between Grace Community Church of Reno (Grace Church), Grantor, and Washoe County, Grantee, to accomplish the transfer of a physical property located at 3908 Belmore Way, Reno, Nevada, (APN 001-174-04) from Grace Church to Washoe County for use as a Recovery Home through Washoe County's Crossroads program; and if approved, authorize the County Manager to execute the Gift Deed upon successful completion of identified renovations within the property. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Grace Church is generously donating a physical property, commonly known as the Jane Aubrey House, located at 3908 Belmore Way. Jane Aubrey was a beautiful young woman in our community who suffered from and lost her to life to addiction. Grace Church purchased the property at Belmore Way to provide a resource that could honor her memory by supporting community recovery efforts for individuals struggling with substance abuse and addiction. The donation of this property, with an estimated value of approximately $500,000.00, reflects the ongoing commitment by Grace Church to support the men and woman of our community in their recovery by providing resources and opportunities to overcome their challenges and move forward in a positive, healthy, and productive manner.

A "Gift Deed" is a legal document used to transfer ownership of property from owner to a new owner. The Gift Deed between Grace Church and Washoe County will accomplish the transfer of the property located at 3908 Belmore Way, Reno, Nevada, and will establish the use of the property as a Recovery Home, or similar treatment facility under Washoe County's Crossroads Program.

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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 12, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners approved a Gift Deed between Grace Community Church of Reno, Grantor, and Washoe County, Grantee, to accomplish the transfer of property located at 3035 Accacia Way, Reno, Nevada, (APN 001-311-02) from Grace Church to Washoe County for use as a Recovery Home through Washoe County's Crossroads program.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County is actively responding to the addiction crisis and the challenge of affordable housing related to adults, children, families and seniors in our community. Programs like Crossroads have proven people are better prepared and more likely able to successfully address their substance abuse, trauma, and mental health issues when their basic needs such as food, safety, and shelter are met.

As the total population of Washoe County increases so does the population of those susceptible to limited resources necessary to resolve substance abuse, homelessness, and mental health issues. Excessive use of emergency based, short-term shelters and interim substance abuse treatment facilities is not cost effective and does not produce ideal outcomes long-term. As such, HSA is working to implement more efficient resources focused on providing better, safer, and more permanent, long-term solutions for our citizens. Serving individuals in the community with extended outcomes in mind helps avoid emergency room visits, reduces unstable living conditions, and better meets the needs of vulnerable populations at a much lower cost for the County, the State and Federal Medicaid.

One of the largest gaps in the Crossroads service delivery model our community is the need for increased capacity to support females. Approval of the Gift Deed for this property will allow HSA to expand services in the Crossroads Program for up to ten (10) additional women in our community. Further, services at the Aubrey House can be implemented immediately as the property is being donated with furnishings.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve the Gift Deed the associated annual operating and maintenance costs for the property is estimated to be $5,000. The Human Services Agency will absorb these expenditures within their FY20 Indigent Fund (F221) budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve a Gift Deed between Grace Community Church of Reno (Grace Church), Grantor, and Washoe County, Grantee, to accomplish the transfer of a physical property located at 3908 Belmore Way, Reno, Nevada, (APN 001-174-04) from Grace Church to Washoe County for use as a Recovery Home through Washoe County's Crossroads program; and if approved, authorize the County Manager to execute the Gift Deed upon successful completion of identified renovations within the property.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If approved, a possible motion would be "Move to approve a Gift Deed between Grace Community Church of Reno (Grace Church), Grantor, and Washoe County, Grantee, to accomplish the transfer of a physical property located at 3908 Belmore Way, Reno, Nevada, (APN 001-174-04) from Grace Church to Washoe County for use as a Recovery Home through Washoe County's Crossroads program; and authorize the County Manager to execute the Gift Deed upon successful completion of identified renovations within the property."