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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

DATE: April 20, 2026
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney
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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 direct Finance to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

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 June 24, 2025, the Board accepted \$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.

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

The Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) of Nevada are dedicated to supporting and healing children who have experienced abuse and exploitation. This mission is carried out through community advocacy and by strengthening the work of partner agencies that address these critical issues. The overarching goal is to leverage community resources to reduce the impact of childhood trauma and promote positive long-term outcomes for affected children.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

In 2017, Nevada established a state chapter to support CACs statewide, joining a national movement to improve how child abuse cases are investigated and prosecuted. The four CACs in Nevada are members of the National Children’s Alliance and have either achieved or are actively pursuing full accreditation. The efforts of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Nevada have been instrumental in this progress. Accreditation ensures that each center adheres to the highest standards and best practices in serving children and families.

The funding associated with this item will primarily support travel expenses for training staff from all five CACs in Nevada, including those located in Washoe County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept the funding; a Fiscal Year 2026 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:

Internal Order	G/L	Purpose	Amount
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.”