



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 8, 2025

DATE: March 6, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Shamayne Brown, Senior Office Specialist
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a one-time cash donation of [\$300.00] from private citizen, Elsie Kelly to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Mounted Horse Unit to be used for operating costs, and, if approved, direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Sheriff's Office is seeking approval for a one-time cash donation from a private citizen for \$300.00 to be used for operating costs.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous actions on this donation; however, the Board has previously accepted a donation for the Horse Mounted Unit on 05/17/16.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office was sent a check in the mail in the amount of \$300.00 from private citizen, Elsie Kelly who met some of the team members at an event in early 2024.

Recently, Washoe County Sheriff's Office started back up the Mounted Horse Unit. These Deputies on horseback are a unique benefit to the Sheriff's Office and the public. They will be utilized at major community events such as the Reno Rodeo, Hot August Nights, and Red, White and Tahoe Blue in addition to local parks and open space patrols. These funds are intended to be used to support the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Mounted Horse Unit.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this donation and approve these amendments, the FY25 Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, adopted budget will be increased by \$300.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-20429 WCSO Horse Mounted Unit	484000-Donation, Contri-Oper	\$300.00
IO-20429 WCSO Horse Mounted Unit	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$300.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners accept a one-time cash donation of [\$300.00] from private citizen, Elsie Kelly to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for the Mounted Horse Unit to be used for operating costs, and, if approved, direct Finance to make appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to accept a one-time cash donation of [\$300.00] from private citizen, Elsie Kelly to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for the Mounted Horse Unit to be used for operating costs, and, if approved, direct Finance to make appropriate budget amendments.”