



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 [\$500.00] from private citizen, Minnie Chinn to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Search & Rescue Unit to be used for operating costs, and, if approved, direct Finance to make 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 \$500.00 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 numerous donations for Search & Rescue on 02/20/18, 12/14/10, 06/14/11, 10/11/11, 01/10/12, and 10/8/13.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office was sent a check in the mail in the amount of \$500.00 from private citizen, Minnie Chinn.

The Sheriff's Office has a robust Search & Rescue unit comprised of commissioned staff and volunteers. The Sheriff's Office received a donation in gratitude for the team's actions leading to a successful recovery on June 23, 2024. The donor was thankful and highly impressed by the number of responders, their compassion and the ability to work cohesively as a team.

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 \$500.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-20050 Search & Rescue Donations	484000-Donation, Contri-Oper	\$500.00
IO-20050 Search & Rescue Donations	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$500.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners accept a one-time cash donation of [\$500.00] from private citizen, Minnie Chinn to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for the Search & Rescue 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 [\$500.00] from private citizen, Minnie Chinn to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for the Search & Rescue Unit to be used for operating costs, and, if approved, direct Finance to make appropriate budget amendments.”