



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: September 18, 2018**

**DATE:** August 15, 2018  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Amber Howell, Director, Human Services Agency  
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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas – Assistant County Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Accept cash donation from the Grace Community Church of Reno, a non-profit religious organization, to the Washoe County Human Services Agency in the amount of [\$225,000] to support the expansion of the Women’s Crossroads program and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

Grace Church of Reno, NV has partnered with Washoe County Human Services Agency to continue enhancing the Crossroads program, specifically the female population. There is a current service gap within our female Crossroads capacity at River House and readiness to transition to the Hope House, also funded entirely by Grace Church. This new donation allows HSA to rehabilitate 3 separate, residential houses on the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Campus for the operation of a 24 bed female Crossroads program expansion. The donation of \$225,000 will assist the County in adding additional female beds. The expansion will double our current capacity for woman needing Crossroads services. Currently, there are 165 women on the waitlist to enter in to the program.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 10, 2017 under item 16 the Board acknowledged a program opportunity for Washoe County Human Services to collaborate and partner with Grace Community Church of Reno to expand, through a donation of property, the Crossroads program; 2) directed staff to develop appropriate documents for the donation and transfer of such property; and 3) requested staff bring completed documents back to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners to accomplish the transfer of property from Grace Community Church of Reno, a non-profit religious organization, to Washoe County at the appropriate time.

On December 12, 2017 under item 7.E.7 the Board 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

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program; and if approved authorized the County Manager to execute the Gift Deed upon successful completion of the identified renovations within the property.

**BACKGROUND**

Crossroads is tiered housing program aimed at serving the serial inebriate, service resistant, homeless individuals who are struggling with substance abuse, job insecurity, food insecurity and lack of health support systems. The program is designed to provide shelter to individuals and intensive wrap around services to immediately address residents in need within Washoe County.

The populations of males and females are not co-located on the same campus. There are two female crossroads sites; River House, located at the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Campus as well as Accacia Way in Northwest Reno. The Accacia property is the newest of the crossroads program which was designed by recognizing the lack of treatment options for mothers suffering from addiction and the needed changes necessary to reunify with their children and have ongoing and frequent visits with their children within a very short time frame. Based on the program’s success, Grace Church is continuing to join efforts with Washoe County to support substance abuse treatment access and increase capacity to assist in decreasing the waitlist. The donation will go towards three separate houses, although side by side, located at the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Campus. The donation is specified to allocate approximately \$75,000 per residence for rehabilitation and improvements needed to the interior and exterior portions of each residence as well as complete furnishings within each residence as well as fencing for safety and landscape needs.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this cash donation, the Agency’s FY19 budget will need to be amended by \$225,000 in the following revenue and expenditure accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO-20459	-484000	General Donations Revenue	\$ 225,000.00
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 225,000.00</b>
IO-20459	-711504	Equipment – Non-capital	\$ 225,000.00
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 225,000.00</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board accept a cash donation from the Grace Community Church of Reno, a non-profit religious organization, to the Washoe County Human Services Agency in the amount of [\$225,000] to support the expansion of the Women’s Crossroads program and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a cash donation from the Grace Community Church of Reno, a non-profit religious organization, to the Washoe County Human Services Agency in the amount of [\$225,000] to support the expansion of the Women's Crossroads program and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments."