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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Interim County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a donation from the Estate of Victor Bucher in the amount of [\$34,442.00] to the Washoe County Public Defender's Office, retroactive to July 3, 2025 to be used primarily for training of attorneys and staff and obtaining research and training material for the Public Defender's office; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Public Defender's Office has received a donation in the amount of [\$34,442.00] from the Estate of Victor George Bucher. This is a charitable distribution from the Estate and will be used to support the mission of the Public Defender's Office to protect and defend the rights of indigent people in Washoe County by providing them access to justice through professional legal representation. The Public Defender's Office intends to primarily use the funds for training of attorneys and staff and obtaining research and training materials for the Office.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action on this donation.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Public Defender's Office represents individuals by court appointment in all stages of adult criminal proceedings, all stages of delinquency petitions against youths, all stages of dependency and termination of parental rights, actions, individuals who are involuntarily hospitalized due to their mental health, and individuals participating in several treatment courts. This representation is required by the United States and Nevada Constitutions and applicable statutes and case law.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Mr. Bucher passed away on April 12, 2023. His last will and testament included many charitable donations to numerous government and charitable organizations, including the Washoe County Public Defender's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this donation and approve these amendments, the FY26 Public Defender's adopted budget will be increased by \$34,442 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-29077 V. Bucher Donation	484000 – Donations, Contributions	\$34,442.00
IO-29077 V. Bucher Donation	710355 – Books & Subscriptions	\$2,442.00
IO-29077 V. Bucher Donation	710509 – Seminars & Meetings	\$16,000.00
IO-29077 V. Bucher Donation	711210 – Travel for Seminars and Meetings	\$16,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners accept a donation from the Estate of Victor Bucher in the amount of [\$34,442.00] to the Washoe County Public Defender's Office, retroactive to July 3, 2025 to be used primarily for training of attorneys and staff and obtaining research and training material for the Public Defender's Office; and direct Finance 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 donation from the Estate of Victor Bucher in the amount of [\$34,442.00] to the Washoe County Public Defender's Office, retroactive to July 3, 2025 to be used primarily for training of attorneys and staff and obtaining research and training material for the Public Defender's Office; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."