



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023

DATE: May 3, 2023
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's Office, 325-6710 vjakubowski@da.washoecounty.gov
THROUGH: Christopher J. Hicks, District Attorney
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept donations totaling [\$51,709.44], (\$48,029.44 from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, \$1,000 from Jim Lahey, and \$2,680 from Clasen Quality Chocolate) for the District Attorney's Office to benefit the operations of and programs in the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, and to authorize the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) received donations to support the ongoing needs of the CAC as determined by the District Attorney's Office (DA). Use of these funds are solely at the discretion of the DA. 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.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 21, 2022, the Board accepted a \$220,000 donation from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center for the District Attorney's Office to benefit the operations of and programs in the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center.

On June 8, 2021, the Board accepted \$44,362.75 in donations from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center for the District Attorney's Office Child Advocacy Center operational costs related to counseling and forensic interviewing.

On March 19, 2019, the Board accepted accept \$75.00 in donation for the District Attorney's Office Child Advocacy Center equipment, operational, and program needs from the Shuman Trust.

BACKGROUND

The mission of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center will be to ensure the health and safety of the child through a neutral, child-centered environment designed to minimize trauma to the child, provide advocacy for the child and non-offending

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caregivers and support effective investigations. Local organizations continue to donate to the Child Advocacy Center to help with various program needs.

The Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center was formed for the primary purpose of raising funds and making distributions to, or for the benefit, of the CAC in addition to outreach and awareness of the CAC and its programs. As they have recently adopted a plan of liquidation, the Friends must distribute all its remaining assets to Washoe County for the benefit of the CAC and this donation represents the final amount.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept the funding, a Fiscal Year 2023 budget amendment of \$51,709.44 is required to bring the adopted budget in alignment with the funding amounts as follows:

Cost Object	G/L	Amount increase
IN – 20510 CAC Fund	484000 – Donations, Contributions	\$48,029.44
IN – 20510 CAC Fund	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$48,029.44
IN – 20327 Donations	484000 – Donations, Contributions	\$3,680.00
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board accept donations totaling [\$51,709.44], (\$48,029.44 from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, \$1,000 from Jim Lahey, and \$2,680 from Clasen Quality Chocolate) for the District Attorney’s Office to benefit the operations of and programs in the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, and to authorize the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the Board agrees with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept donations totaling [\$51,709.44], (\$48,029.44 from the Friends of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, \$1,000 from Jim Lahey, and \$2,680 from Clasen Quality Chocolate) for the District Attorney’s Office to benefit the operations of and programs in the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, and to authorize the Comptroller to make necessary budget amendments.”