

# Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0383

LOG NAME: 19NSD DONATIONS2

## SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Donations to the Neighborhood Services Department in the Amount of \$5,205.50 for the Southside Community Center, North Tri-Ethnic Community Center, and Northside Community Center Programs; Authorize Acceptance of AARP Donation in the Amount of \$5,000.00; Authorize Acceptance of Water Customer Donations in the Amount of \$8,716.85; Authorized Acceptance of Silver Stars Program Donations in the Amount of \$3,542.84; and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances Increasing Estimated Receipts and Appropriations in the Special Donations LTD Fund in the Amount of \$18,922.35 and in the Silver Stars Program Donation Fund in the Amount of \$3,542.84

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## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of monetary donations in the amount of \$205.50 from various donors and \$5,000.00 from Gorrondona & Associates for a total of \$5,205.50 for the purpose of supporting the Southside Community Center, North Tri-Ethnic Community Center and Northside Community Center Programs;
  2. Authorize acceptance of monetary donation from AARP in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of supporting the Financial Empowerment Program;
  3. Authorize acceptance of monetary donations from City of Fort Worth Water customers in the amount of \$8,716.85;
  4. Authorize acceptance of monetary donations in the amount of \$3,542.84 from various donors for the purpose of supporting the Silver Stars Program;
  5. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Donations LTD Fund in the amount of \$18,922.35 for the purpose of funding the Neighborhood Services Donations Project (City Project No. S00150). The increased appropriation will account for past donations received through community centers and the Water Department; and
  6. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Silver Stars Program Donation fund in the amount of \$3,542.84 for the purpose of funding the Silver Stars Program (City Project No. S00184). The increased appropriation will account for past donations received through NSD community centers.
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## DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to: (1) authorize increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Donations LTD Fund in the amount of \$18,922.35 and (2) authorize increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Silver Stars Program Donation fund in the amount of \$3,542.84.

The monetary donations described below were received after M&C 23-0868 (October 17, 2023) authorized the acceptance of previous donations under the Special Donations LTD Fund:

Monetary donations totaling \$5,205.50 were received to support programs at City community centers. Various donors donated \$205.50 to the Southside Community Center to support the Back to School Bash program. Gorrondona & Associates, Inc. donated \$5,000.00 to support KiKi's Club Program at North Tri-Ethnic Community Center and Northside Community Center. This donation is intended to be used for programming activities including, but not limited to: program supplies, fieldtrips, memberships, snacks, and other items deemed necessary for the program and its participants.

The City's **Financial Empowerment Program** provides financial education to individuals and families to help empower and provide resources toward financial stability. AARP donated \$5,000.00 toward the program's community events.

In January 2005, the City **Water Donations Program** (formerly S00063) was established to assist low-income Fort Worth families (income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines), in particular the elderly and disabled, by preventing interruption of their water service and to assist with special plumbing needs (M&C G-14656, 1/18/2005). The Water Department utilizes monthly billing statements to collect donations for the program. Donations can be recurring or a one-time pledge. Donations are collected by the Water Department and deposited into Neighborhood Services Special Donations LTD Fund. \$8,716.85 has been collected from water customers since fiscal year 2016 and needs to be appropriated so that funds can be used to assist Fort Worth families in need.

The **Silver Stars Program** focuses on providing care packages to isolated, homebound seniors during the holiday season. The care packages provide necessities (e.g., toiletries, blankets, socks, etc.) as well as entertainment items (e.g., books, cards, and puzzles). Recipients must be 60 years or older, live in Tarrant County, be at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and live alone or with another person 60 or older. The Neighborhood Services Department has been responsible for administering the Silver Stars Program since the Cowboy Santas Program (which previously administered the Silver Stars Program) was dissolved in September 2019. Monetary donations in the amount of \$3,542.84 have been received from various donors for the purpose of supporting the Silver Stars Program.

Donation Type	Donation Fund	Amount
Community Center Donations	NSD Special Donations (S00150)	\$5,205.50
Financial Empowerment Program	NSD Special Donations (S00150)	\$5,000.00
Water Donations	NSD Special Donations (S00150)	\$8,716.85
Silver Stars	Silver Stars Donation (S00184)	\$3,542.84
		\$22,465.19

The Southside Community Center is located in Council District 8. North Tri-Ethnic Community Center and Northside Community Center are located in Council District 2. The remaining donations will be used citywide.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the Special Donations LTD Fund for the Neighborhood Services Donation and Silver Stars Program Donations projects. Prior to any expense being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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