

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 10/17/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0868

**LOG NAME:** 19NSD DONATIONS

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Donations for the Neighborhood Services Department in the Amount of \$6,378.00 for Donations Made to Support North Tri-Ethnic Community Centers and Como Community Center Programs and Adopt the Attached Appropriation Ordinance Increasing Estimated Receipts and Appropriations in the Special Donations LTD Fund in the Amount of \$92,787.16 for the Purpose of Funding the Neighborhood Services Donations Project

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of monetary donations in the amount of \$2,561.00 from United Lowrider Council collected at a car show for the purpose of supporting the North Tri-Ethnic Community Center Program;
  2. Authorize acceptance of monetary donations from the various donors listed below in the amount of \$3,817.00 for the purpose of supporting the Como Community Center Programs;
    - \$3,167.00 from Texas Exchange Bank for the purpose of supporting programs focused on STEAM education, FW@6 (former Late Night) teen and young adult intervention/prevention program;
    - \$500.00 from Girls 4 Girls Mentoring Group for the purpose of supporting girls mentoring programs;
    - \$150.00 from Elm Grove District Association for the purpose of supporting FW@6 (former Late Night) program athletics program.
  3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Donations LTD Fund in the amount of \$92,787.16 for the purpose of funding the Neighborhood Services Donations Project (City Project No. S00150). The increased appropriation will account for past donations in special purpose funds and various donations received through community centers.
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The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Donations LTD Fund in the amount of \$92,787.16. Financial Management Services (FMS) funds are being restructured to comply with financial policy and requires deactivating the Special Purpose Fund and using the new Special Donations LTD Fund for all donations going forward. All actual funds were moved to the Special Donations LTD Fund, but each department needs to appropriate previously received funds into the new donations fund and include Fiscal Year 23 donations received by community centers.

Funds moving from Special Purpose Fund:

**Water Donations Program** (formerly S00063) was authorized to move on January 18, 2005. M&C G-14656 established the Water and Garbage Fee Assistance and Plumbing Repair Program to assist Fort Worth low-income families (income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines) with an emphasis on the elderly and disabled to prevent interruption of their water service and to assist with special plumbing needs.

The Water Department established a program utilizing the monthly billing statement to collect donations. Three donation options were offered which included: 1) a recurring monthly donation or 2) a one-time pledge could be noted on their monthly payment. Donations are collected by the Water Department and were deposited into a Special Purpose Fund for use under this program.

Due to the merger of the Community Services Division of the Parks and Community Services Department with the Neighborhood Services Department in Fiscal Year 2016, the program is now administered by the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) Community Action Partners Program (CAP).

At the time of M&C G-18636 dated January 12, 2016, \$300,553.00 had been received in the Water and Garbage Fee Assistance and Plumbing Repair Program. Appropriations through Fiscal Year 2015 totaled \$270,094.00 for the Program. The 2016 M&C appropriated the prior year donations of \$30,459.00 and was booked as 25002-0800450-4640001-S00063.

Remaining Revenue in Water Donation Program S00063 was transferred to the new fund. This M&C would appropriate Water Assistance Donations of \$59,004.12 to Special Donations LTD fund as 25020-0190563-4640001-S00150-S09200.

**Housing Summit** (formerly S00108) This sponsorship project is to support the Housing Summit. We received contributions from mortgage and banking institutions, housing development corporations, non-profit public service agencies, real estate agencies and other housing related business that sponsors the event. We started hosting the Housing Summit in conjunction with United States Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) and Fort Worth Housing Authority back in 2003. This annual event educates citizens about topics related to homeowners like Home Buying 101: Ready to buy in today's Real Estate Market; How to Obtain a Mortgage Loan and affordable funding sources programs available. Due to the COVID pandemic and lack of affordable housing stock availability, the 2019 housing summit was the last year that the event was held. We are hoping to continue this 16-year tradition, but it will probably be several more years before this annual event is started back up.

Remaining Revenue in Housing Summit Donation Program S00108 has been transferred to the new fund. This M&C would appropriate Housing Summit funds of \$28,781.70 to Special Donations LTD Fund as 25020-0190463-4640001-S00150-S09200.

**Special Donations LTD Fund** was authorized on M&C 22-0568 dated August 9, 2022 to increase estimated receipts and appropriations in amount of \$15,000.00 from Como Lion Heart donation for Summer Day Camp support at the Como Community Center, but amount should have only been \$13,623.34 since \$1,376.66 worth of expenditures remained in the Donation Fund. Therefore, the estimated receipts and appropriations needs to be decreased by \$1,376.66.

Additionally, the following is to accept monetary donations into the Special Donations (LTD) Fund for the following Neighborhood Services Community Centers Programs:

- United Lowrider Council sponsored a car show at North Tri Ethnic Community Center. Members of local car clubs paid a registration fee to enter car show, \$2,561.00 of proceeds were donated for the purpose of supporting the North Tri Ethic Community Center Programs.
- Texas Exchange Bank based in Fort Worth donated \$3,167.00 to support educational programming at the Como Community Center. They are part of the Q Investments Family Office as is the Once Upon a Time Foundation, which supports a wide range of organizations that provide arts and humanities, community affairs, health and medicine, human services, and education benefits to members of the community. They are committed to supporting outstanding organizations that provide community services to low-moderate income individuals in our community. This donation is being made at the direction of the Philanthropy Lab Program at All Saints' Episcopal School. These funds will be specifically used for the Reading, Math, Science and Game Nights for the 2023-2024 school year at the Como Community Center.
- The Girls for Girls Mentoring Group, comprised of students from Texas Christian University donated \$500.00 to the Como Community Center. These funds are to support mentoring girls at Como Community Center Programs.
- The Elm Grove District Association, affiliated with local churches in the Como community desired to support youth attending Como Community center, donated \$150.00 to support the FW@6 (former Late Night) program and athletics program.

Donation Type	Purpose of Funds	Amount
Community Center Donation	Support programs (supplies, instructor, activity) for youth utilizing Como and North Tri Ethnic Community Centers.	\$5,001.34
Water Donation	Assist low income families with an emphasis on the elderly and disabled to prevent interruption of their water service and to assist with special plumbing needs.	\$59,004.12
Housing Summit	Contributions from mortgage and banking institutions, housing development corporations, non-profit public service agencies, real estate agencies and other housing related business to educate citizens about topics related to homeowners.	\$28,781.70
	<b>Total</b>	\$92,787.16

The North Tri Ethic Community Center is located in Council District 2; Como Community Center is located in Council District 3 and 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.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, receipt of the donated funds, and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be deposited into and available in the Special Donations LTD Fund, as appropriated. The Neighborhood Services Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to any expense being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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