

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 08/27/24

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0739

LOG NAME: 19DONATIONS LTD3

SUBJECT

(CD 6 and ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Donations to the Neighborhood Services Department from Como Lions Heart in the Amount of \$5,000.00 for Como Community Center Programs; Authorize Acceptance of AARP Texas Donation in the Amount of \$4,000.00 for Age Friendly Initiatives Programs; Authorize Acceptance of \$100,000.00 from Young Energy, LLC. for the Utility Assistance Program; and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance Increasing Estimated Receipts and Appropriations in the Special Donations LTD Fund in the Amount of \$109,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of monetary donations in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Como Lions Heart for the purpose of supporting the Como Community Center Summer Day Camp Program;
 2. Authorize acceptance of monetary donation from AARP Texas in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of supporting the Age Friendly Initiatives;
 3. Authorize acceptance of monetary donations from Young Energy, LLC. in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of supporting the utility assistance program; and
 4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Donations LTD Fund in the amount of \$109,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Neighborhood Services Donations Project (City Project No. S00150). The increased appropriation will account for past and future donations received by Neighborhood Services Department.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to: (1) authorize acceptance of monetary donations and (2) authorize increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Donations Life To Date (LTD) Fund in the amount of \$109,000.00.

The monetary donations described below were received after M&C 24-0383 (May 14, 2024) authorized the acceptance of previous donations under the Special Donations LTD Fund.

Monetary donations totaling \$9,000.00 were received to support programs at City community centers. Como Lions Heart donated \$5,000.00 to support Summer Day Camp Field Trips fees for Como Community Center campers (0190523). AARP Texas donated \$4,000.00 to support Age Friendly Initiatives at Como Community Center- \$3,000.00 for a "prom" held on June 8, 2024 and \$1,000.00 for wellness walk scheduled for October 3, 2024 (0190500).

As part of a settlement agreement, Young Energy, LLC. was ordered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas to donate \$100,000.00 to the City's Community Action Partners in eight monthly installments of \$12,500.00 (Docket No. 56246). The first payment was received in June 2024 and the last payment is due in January 2025 (0190444). The Neighborhood Services Department Community Action Partners (CAP) will use these funds for past due utility assistance for low income households with the following guidelines:

1. To qualify for utility assistance, the applicant must be individually qualified under Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) grant regulations and program guidelines except for income qualification
2. Income qualification for eligibility will be that of 15% more than maximum Federal Poverty Income Guidelines prescribed by CEAP grant
3. Applicant must be either a citizen of the United States (U.S.) or a permanent resident of the U.S.
4. Maximum disbursement will not exceed \$2,400.00 per beneficiary per calendar year
5. If applicant is eligible for utility assistance under CEAP, they should not be able to use these funds for further assistance
6. Neighborhood Services Department Director has to approve all disbursements

Partial funding is available in the Special Donation LTD Fund for the purpose of funding the Neighborhood Services Donation project. Remaining payments will come from Young Energy, LLC. over the next six months for total of \$75,000.00.

The Como Community Center is located in Council District 6. The funds for utility assistance 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 funds are currently available in the Neighborhood Services Donation project within the Special Donations LTD Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be deposited into Special Donations LTD Fund for the Neighborhood Services Donation project. The Neighborhood Services Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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