



Legislation Text

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TO: Housing Authority Commissioners
FROM: Jennifer Palmer, Director of Housing & Homeless Services
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of donations to farmworker centers

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Housing & Homeless Services requests approval of specific donations made to the three farmworker centers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cinco de Mayo, Inc. raises funds through an annual golf tournament and uses these funds to make repairs or to purchase equipment on behalf of the centers. Donations recently received from the Cinco de Mayo fund for items at the farmworker centers include:

1. Donation for Christmas Dinner for lodgers staying at the River Ranch Centers for \$2,085;
2. Donation of new mattresses for the Calistoga Center and mattress protectors at Calistoga, Mondavi, and River Ranch Centers totaling \$13,189; and
3. Donation of \$200 from an individual donor and distributed to all three centers.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Donations were made to support repairs and equipment for the three farmworker centers operated by the Housing Authority.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None.
Consequences if not approved:	The centers would not benefit from the specified donations.

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The adopted donation policy requires acceptance by the Napa County Housing Authority of any donation with a value over \$1,000. Each of the following donations has been presented to the farmworker centers:

1. Donation for Christmas Dinner for lodgers staying at the River Ranch Centers for \$2,085;
2. Donation of new mattresses for the Calistoga Center and mattress protectors at Calistoga, Mondavi, and River Ranch Centers totaling \$13,189; and
3. Donation of \$200 from an individual donor and distributed to all three centers.

The Farm Worker Committee in St. Helena provides advocacy, fundraising and community support for farm workers in Napa County. The Committee donates thousands of dollars each year for use at the three farm worker centers to provide everything from rent assistance to items that make the lives of migrant farm workers better. The Farm Worker Committee has an annual golf tournament each year to raise funds and meets monthly to decide how to best help the farm workers who are away from their homes and families for eight to ten months at a time. Through the years the local group has purchased new beds, kitchen equipment and appliances, provides funds for maintenance projects and other items to make the farm workers who stay at the centers feel at home while they are living in the valley.

The total of all donations is \$15,474. The Director of Housing and Homeless Services recommends acceptance by the Housing Authority of the specified donations to the farmworker centers.