

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: February 23, 2026

FROM: John M. Selberg, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Monetary Donations (\$2,173.81) for the Fire Department

INTRODUCTION:

This agenda item seeks authorization from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to accept the following monetary donations:

- The Telugu Association of Memphis (TAM): \$1,500.00
- India Association of Memphis: \$500.00
- Anonymous Donation: \$173.81

Total Donations: \$2,173.81

BACKGROUND:

The Telugu Association of Memphis (TAM) is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 and dedicated to preserving and promoting Telugu culture (Samskriti), literature (Sahithi), and traditions (Sampradayam) among the Telugu-speaking community in the Memphis area.

The India Association of Memphis is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established for cultural, educational, literary, civic, social, and charitable purposes. The organization supports community engagement through cultural education, assistance to new residents, and socio-cultural collaboration with organizations both locally and internationally.

An anonymous citizen made a monetary donation to one of the Fire Department's fire stations. Fire Department personnel advised the individual the department is unable to accept cash gifts; however, the citizen declined to retrieve the donation.

DISCUSSION:

The \$2,173.81 donations from the above donors will be used to purchase equipment that will directly support the operations and capabilities of the Fire Department. Acceptance of this donation will enhance departmental resources while reflecting strong community support and partnership.

BUDGET IMPACT:

A budget amendment to appropriate the donations will be requested at a later date.

ATTACHMENTS:

[BMA Approval Form for Donations.pdf](#)
[Gift Picture of Jar and Book.jpg](#)

PROPOSED MOTION:

To accept a monetary donation of \$2,173.81 from the Telugu Association of Memphis, the India

Association of Memphis, and an anonymous donor for use by the Fire Department.

Board Action: Motion By _____ Seconded By _____

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						