



City Council Memorandum

To: Mayor Fasbender & City Council Members
From: Paige Marschall Bigler, Recreation Programming Specialist
Date: May 20, 2024
Item: Accept Donation from the Ruth Gale and George W. Doffing Charitable Fund

Council Action Requested: Accept a \$10,000 monetary donation from the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund in support of the Music in the Park series for 2025.

Background Information: Staff submitted a donation request to the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund to support the growth of the Music in the Park series. Based off consistent community feedback, staff expanded the series, offering a total of twelve shows, June through August on Thursday evenings; with the exception of Rivertown Days week. Staff recommends consideration and acceptance of the monetary sponsorship.

Financial Impact: Staff will continue to include donations as a revenue item as part of the budget process to offset programming costs. This donation is additive and should not replace the City's separate allocation for Rotary Pavilion programming. Any unused dollars will be used for future Music in the Park events. Staff will also work to solicit \$500+ individual Music in the Park sponsorships from local and metro area organizations in support of the series, with the intent to secure quality bands.

Advisory Commission Discussion:

None

Council Committee Discussion:

None

Attachments:

None

**CITY OF HASTINGS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION _____

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ACCEPTANCE OF AND APPRECIATION OF A DONATION
TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Ruth Gale and George W. Doffing Charitable Fund has presented to the City Parks and Recreation Department a donation of \$10,000.00 and has designated that this donation be used for the Music in the Park Series for 2025.

WHEREAS, The City Council is appreciative of the donation and commends the Ruth Gale and George W. Doffing Charitable Fund for its civic efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota;

1. That the donation is accepted and acknowledged with gratitude; and
2. That the donation will be appropriated for the 2025 Music in the Park Series

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2024.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor