



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Cultural Services Agency

Meeting Date: May 9, 2023

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of the Transfer of \$490,000 from the Mendocino County Museum Endowment Fund to the Community Foundation of Mendocino County Museum Endowment Fund and Allot the Remaining \$10,000 of the Bittenbender Trust for Programming, Exhibits, and Supplies in Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve the transfer of \$490,000 from the Mendocino County Museum Endowment Fund to the Community Foundation of Mendocino County Museum Endowment Fund and allot the remaining \$10,000 of the Bittenbender Trust for programming, exhibits, and supplies in fiscal year 2023/2024.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Resolution 85-129 established the County's Museum Endowment Fund and allows for the Museum Advisory Board and Museum Director to authorize the use of the funds.

Summary of Request:

In February of this year, The Mendocino County Museum was awarded a gift of \$500,000 from the late William L. Bittender. The Board was notified, and the check was deposited into the Mendocino County Museum Endowment Account. Subsequently, staff conducted research and discovered that the sum would earn much more in interest if it were deposited into the Community Foundation of Mendocino County Museum Endowment Fund, which would increase in its financial support of the Museum's operation over the years. The Museum Advisory Board unanimously approved this decision as did Museum Director Deb Fader Samson.

Transferring this money to an account yielding a higher interest rate shows County staff being constructive with their finances and planning the future sustainability of the Mendocino County Museum. This is an example of an Effective County Government.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not approve and provide alternate direction.

Does This Item Support the General Plan? Yes

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: An Effective County Government

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

<https://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/2007/02/02/community-remembers-remarkable-ukiahan/>>
https://www.willitsweekly.com/documents/WillitsWeekly_03092023_APages.pdf>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Bittenbender Endowment

current f/y cost: NA

annual recurring cost: NA

budget clarification: Remove \$500,000 from Org 42710 Obj 760848, deposit \$490,000 into Community Foundation of Mendocino County Museum Endowment fund, and allow for \$10,000 to be used in Museum's F year 2023/2024 Revenue Budget line 827707.

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Cherie Johnson, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: May 9, 2023

Final Status: Approved

