



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 24, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
 Submitted by: Scott Gilman, Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services
 Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 - Donations for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to accept donations totaling \$8,000 for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels program for fiscal year 2025.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The donations have been received and deposited into the Fund-Raising Activities Fund (ERMA GL Code 111-51-505-549-2044-000-000-481110) and will be appropriated as part of the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Meals on Wheels program in the Aging Services Division of Health, Housing, and Community Services Department. These donations will support the cost of hourly personnel and operating expenses needed to provide meals to home-bound seniors by the City of Berkeley Meals on Wheels program.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Berkeley Meals on Wheels program provides excellent, timely, easily accessible service to the community; particularly the older adult, home-bound community. The Berkeley Meals on Wheels program provides over 60,000 nutritious meals to over 250 seniors each year.

In November 2024, the Meals on Wheels program sent out an annual appeal letter to approximately 600 individuals and businesses. In response to the annual appeal letter, seven donations were received in amounts of \$1,000 or above for a total of \$8,000. The individual donors have requested that their donations remain anonymous and include current and former Meals on Wheels clients and family members of clients and staff. Meals on Wheels of Alameda County and Decus Biomedical both made donations of \$1,000 each.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley Meals on Wheels program is funded by an annual grant contract with the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging, as well as by client and community donations and the City's General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The Berkeley Meals on Wheels program packages its meals in compostable containers to reduce landfill waste. The program also offers volunteer bicycle and pedestrian delivery routes.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Donations will provide the Berkeley Meals on Wheels program with significant financial support that can be directly applied to both personnel and operating expenses for the program.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Refusing donations would not be consistent with the City's efforts to sustain an Age-Friendly Berkeley and is not recommended.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 - \$1,000 AND ABOVE DONATIONS FOR THE BERKELEY
MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Meals on Wheels program sends out an annual appeal letter in November; and

WHEREAS, clients, residents and businesses make donations to support the Meals on Wheels program; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Meals on Wheels provides over 60,000 nutritious meals to over 250 home-bound seniors each year; and

WHEREAS, these donations will assist in covering personnel costs or providing meals to home-bound seniors; and

WHEREAS, the donations will be deposited into the Fund-Raising Activities Fund (ERMA Budget Code 111-51-505-549-2044-000-444-612990-) and will be appropriated as part of the First Amendment to the FY 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that seven donations, totaling \$8,000 be deposited to support the personnel and operational costs of meal provision to home-bound seniors by the City of Berkeley Meals on Wheels program.

