

TO: Mayor Montgomery and City Council

FROM: Jeff McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Donation

DATE: April 29, 2025

BACKGROUND

During the recent Chief of Police Conference, I was contacted by Mattea McGuire from Valley View Recovery Center. Ms. McGuire reached out with a deeply appreciated offer of support for our Police Department.

At the conference, a compelling session presented by the League of Minnesota Cities and Benchmark Analytics highlighted the significant impact of data-driven wellness programs on the wellbeing of law enforcement personnel, including a notable reduction in insurance claims. This resonated deeply, and the following week, Lieutenant Berg and I further explored this vital topic at the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Safety and Loss Control Workshop. The afternoon focused on the profound benefits of a science-based and data-driven approach to wellness, emphasizing its positive effects not only on claim reduction but, more importantly, on the overall health and resilience of our officers.

Considering Valley View Recovery Center's dedicated commitment to mental and physical wellbeing and addiction recovery, their incredibly generous donation of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) to the Cannon Falls Police Department feels like a truly meaningful opportunity.

While past generous contributions have allowed us to invest in the physical safety of our officers through resources like Kevlar helmets and body bunkers, this particular donation will be specifically directed towards nurturing their mental wellbeing. This funding will enable us to create a dedicated wellness space within the police department, offering officers a sanctuary for calm and de-stressing, especially after encountering challenging situations. Providing our officers with accessible tools to support their emotional regulation and center their own wellbeing following stressful events has been shown to not only contribute to a reduction in insurance claims but, more significantly, to foster a healthier and more resilient team. We are profoundly grateful for Valley View Recovery Center's thoughtful and impactful support of our officers' holistic health.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Request a motion to adopt Resolution 2812 authorizing acceptance of the Donation and approval for the Chief of Police to purchase items to create a wellness space as outlined above.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2812

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION

WHEREAS, the Cannon Falls Police Department has received a donation from Valley View Recovery Center; and

WHEREAS, Valley View Recovery Center delivered a check to the Cannon Falls Police Department, and wishes to make a donation of Five Thousand dollars (\$5000.00) to the Cannon Falls Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Valley View Recovery Center is committed to mental and physical wellbeing of their clients, and

WHEREAS, Valley View Recovery Center understands the importance of both physical and mental wellbeing, and the stressors that Law Enforcement Officers encounter because of their job, and

WHEREAS, the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust has identified wellbeing programs as not only having the benefit of claim reductions but, also on the overall health and resilience of Law Enforcement Officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cannon Falls accepts this donation on behalf of the Cannon Falls Police Department and directs the Chief of Police to utilize the donation to create a wellness space within the police department.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Cannon Falls this 6st day of May, 2025.

CITY OF CANNON FALLS

Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jon Rademacher, City Administrator