

TO: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
FROM: Todd Schwieger, Police Chief
SUBJECT: Winning With Cops Donation
DATE: May 5, 2025

OVERVIEW:

The primary mission of the program Winning with Cops is for the police department to work in partnership with St. Francis Schools to aid developmentally disabled children and adults. This program is helping law enforcement interact with developmentally disabled individuals and foster a positive interaction between the two groups. The Winning with Cops interaction comes through social events, team sports and exercise. Most of these events are funded through monetary donations from local businesses. Most recently a monetary donation of \$750.00 has been donated by CHOPS Pull Tabs who sell pull tabs at local St. Francis establishments including Tasty Pizza Bar and Bowl.

MN State Statute 471.198 authorizes any home rule charter or statutory city to solicit and spend money for any event or purpose that the governing body determines will foster a positive relationship between law enforcement and the community.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

To approve Resolution 2025-25 accepting donation of \$750.00 from CHOPS Pull Tabs to be utilized for the Winning with Cops program.

BUDGET IMPLICATION:

The donation will supplement the police department budget in supporting the Winning with Cops program.

Attachments:

- Resolution 2025-25 accepting a donation to the City of St. Francis Police Department