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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	June 11, 2002
FROM:	General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR	FILE:	1770-20
SUBJECT:	Grant-In-Kind - Request for Obsolete Computers		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the request by Heart to Heart Children's Home in Haiti (H2H) for obsolete computers.

DISCUSSION

The Heart-to-Heart Children's Home in Haiti has requested that Council consider a grant-in-kind of obsolete computer equipment that could be used to train students in Haiti (letter attached). Specifically they are asking for:

- 2 printers;
- 7 desktop computers c/w monitors, keyboard and mouse, and
- 2 laptop computers.

Due to constantly changing technology requirements, City-owned computers and related equipment are continuously replaced. Although every opportunity is taken to move older equipment to areas where newer technology is not required, obsolete equipment has to be disposed of from time to time. 50 – 100 pieces of equipment are auctioned annually and generates \$200 - \$1,000 depending upon the type of equipment (monitors, printers, hard drives etc.).

CONCLUSION

It is estimated that the above request is worth about \$100. The overall economic benefit that a country such as Haiti would receive from having students learn computer skills, far outweighs the small amount that the City would receive in auction proceeds. The above request can be met with the existing inventory of equipment waiting for the next

auction date. It is therefore recommended that the request be approved. Similar requests will be brought to Council for consideration as they are received.

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