



Board of Commissioners
Resolution
B2024-262

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Sponsor: Finance

Meeting Date: 12/17/2024

Title: Food and Beverage Expense Policy Annual Threshold Increase

File Number: 2024-672

Background and Rationale:

On September 22, 2022, the county board approved an increase to the food and beverage policy annual threshold to \$50,000 to accommodate for Ramsey County-sponsored conferences, meetings, or events that benefit the county.

The Food and Beverage Policy addresses allowable food and beverage expenses associated with the countywide employee recognition program, county business meetings, grant activities, county-sponsored public events and volunteer activities. County expenditures for food and beverage are limited to occasions that have a clear county business purpose.

Since 2022, the increased threshold has helped the county build meaningful relationships with numerous agencies and organizations to advance the county's mission, vision, and goals. Departments used funds to host meetings with housing collaboratives, host community dinners, and to provide lunch for learning community cohorts. As the county continues to build meaningful relationships with agencies and organizations, providing meals is one approach to strengthen those relationships.

To continue fostering these relationships and deepening community engagement between the county and its partners, Finance recommends the annual threshold be increased to \$100,000.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Approve an increase to the Food and Beverage Policy annual threshold to \$100,000.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Xiong.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jason Yang'.

Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County Board